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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1 million (Office of National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 6.5 million by 2011, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 3.5 million (Office of National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the health care needs of older people, and the importance of ensuring that they are able to live independently for as long as possible. This has led to a number of initiatives aimed at improving the health and well-being of older people, including the development of new services and the reorganisation of existing services. This paper describes the development of a new service for older people, and the challenges that have been faced in its development.

## 2. Background

The need for a new service for older people was identified in the early 1990s, when a number of studies had shown that older people were at a higher risk of hospital admission and death than younger people (Office of National Statistics 1999). This was due to a number of factors, including the fact that older people were more likely to have chronic conditions, and to be frail and vulnerable.

In response to this, a number of initiatives were launched, including the development of new services and the reorganisation of existing services. One of the key initiatives was the development of a new service for older people, which was designed to provide a range of services, including health care, social care, and housing. This service was developed in the early 1990s, and has since been expanded to cover a wider range of services.

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As teenagers, we envision a picture perfect life. As humans, however, we know better. Inside the walls of Merrillville High School, perfection is strived for, but inevitably absent because nothing is picture perfect. Fortunately, something much better stalks these crowded hallways. Day after day, candid memories bring life to the students of this school, and piece by piece, these moments create unforgettable memories to be stored in the photo albums of our minds.



*Guiding around the school (from a recent compilation) are, from left, Kathryn Moore, Anthony Lad in a, and PB, and Tominian Peterson*



Working together in math class, Seniors Lorne Britt and Nashae Burns compute answers to their assignments. Working with partners helps to improve social skills and establish valuable skills for working with others in the future.



Family and Consumer Science teacher Ms. Sarah Starewicz communicates with her students while they learn a new recipe in class. Cooking classes incorporate group work to learn home economics skills that can be used later in life.



With a look of disbelief, Senior Zachary Banks gets his head shaved by Mr. James Stanger as a result of a lost bet while Senior Michael Gough laughs at his new Principal Krentz inspired cut. The students of FEA lost a bowling match during the Bowl for Kids' Sake 2007 Scholarship bowling game.

# Without Words

A picture is worth a thousand words. Without words, the moments we experience with our friends and peers create memories that will last a lifetime. As American pianist Oscar Levant said, "happiness is not something you experience, it's something you remember."

# Summer Memories

6/5 ¥ Last day of school! Summer Vacation officially begins at 2:48 p.m.

6/15 ¥ Father's Day, be sure to get dad a special gift from the heart.

6/21 ¥ The first day of summer: Time to hit the beach!

7/4 ¥ The Fourth of July! Fireworks, parade, and awesome cook outs.

8/15 ¥ Football Scrimmage at home. First time of the year to see the boys in action.

Sophomore Paxton Berlanga took his first trip to Europe, to visit not just one country, but three countries. Berlanga was asked by an organization vacation group, and paid about \$3000 for a three week trip to Italy. Paris and Greece. He went with about 30 other high school students across the country. "I enjoyed the Eiffel Tower, Rome, the Colosseum and eating larger portions of food in Italy," Berlanga said.



"I couldn't wait for summer to come to take my 1st trip to Italy to visit my father," Sophomore Johnson said. Even though Gavornni spent about a month and half of his summer visiting the Roman Colosseum and other ancient buildings, it was worth being able to be with his family. Gavornni never been to Italy before but plans to live there after school, or soon.



For the third year in a row Junior Ahmad Issa went to Kuwait after living there since 1997. "The weather was a lot hotter and the beaches were amazingly cleaner." To Issa, it made the three weeks go by quicker. "Even though I didn't want to go to Kuwait, seeing my family and having to see my sister get married and getting to lay on the Dead Sea made it worth it," he said.



Saying goodbye to some of her friends, Junior Michelle Ross poses with Andean Senior Aaron Redfield and Juniors Kelsey Barvick and Caitlyn Spiers before leaving for Holland for a swimming competition. Ross has been swimming for three years for the school's swim team. "My friends and I went to breakfast [at Broadway Cafe] before I left," Ross said. Ross was excited to go, but couldn't wait to get back home.

# Summer Lovin'

"My funniest moment in Greece was when Christopher got stung by a jellyfish at my favorite beach," Junior Jack Witter said. Witter and Junior Christopher Gemelas went to Greece together for one month to visit Gemelas's family. The plane ride cost \$1800, but to Witter it was worth it due to the non-humid weather and the sights that he saw.



Smiling for the camera, Junior Michelle Ross stands with companions by her side after a swim meet during her 10 day trip to Holland. "Even though I had to pay for the whole trip, it was worth being able to go and swim in Holland, sight see, have fun with my new friends," Ross said. After Ross's experience, she would rather not live there, but would go back to visit in a heartbeat.



Summer. It's the time of year almost every kid longs for. Knowing you can do whatever you want, worry free from June to August.

Staying up late, sleeping in until noon, going to the beach, shopping, partying, thrillists goes on, but imagine doing something other than the norm. It's not exactly normal to have teenagers fly half way around the world, but there are some that go against the odds. Many students take vacations and travel to other countries.

"The best part was being back in my country after five long years," Senior Daniel Prentoski said. Prentoski spent \$3500 on his two month trip to Macedonia.

Most of his time was spent with family and friends visiting museums, national parks, and other cities.

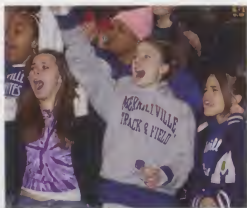
"Even though it cost me half of my soccer season, seeing my Grandpa was worth it," Sophomore Theofilos Makarounas said. Makarounas spent one month in Kalymnos, Greece to visit family.



Realizing how loud the crowd is getting, Senior Ashley Munchenburg becomes excited. "I'm a natural hyper person, I don't need anything to prep myself for a game, but my amazing voice and my uplifting personality to get the crowd riled up," Munchenburg said.



"The overall energy the crowd gives to the players and how they play off of the spirit we give them, is what I loved and looked forward to on Friday evenings," Senior Megun Losck said. With Seniors, Danielle Metloski, Kathrin Kleineberg and Pandora Agoris by her side, Losck cheers on her classmates on the field.



Dressed up, pumped up and with friends is how Sophomore Aubrey Cowser spends every Friday night to show her school spirit. "The excitement for what can happen next is what I love," Cowser said.



Known as one of the loudest fans, Sophomore Benjamin Kepchar yells for our football players on the field. "I like getting our crowd pumped up and ready to go. Seeing the players play as hard as they can excites me," Kepchar said. Attending every Friday night game was a definite must for Kepchar.

"Seeing my friends play on the field is what I like best about going to the football games," Senior Daniel Jutkus said. Before home games Jutkus and a few friends would play football to help them get ready for the game. Touchdowns and fumble recoveries are what was most exciting for Jutkus.



Continuing to show their spirit for the Lady Pirates are MHS alumni, Christina Lobodinski and Jamesha Harris. Class of '07, Lobodinski and Harris played basketball for Merrillville. Frequently both girls still come out and cheer on their former teammates.





"Our football players proved a lot of people what they can actually do; this is a season I will always remember," Sophomore Dominique Marshall said. With friend, Junior Ashley Carrero, Marshall celebrates the great play.

"The players would not get as pumped and excited if it wasn't for the fans. The team would not have a reason to win," Junior Kelly Tarr said. Tarr supports the Pirates by wearing purple and white and coming out with a group of friends. "I love to watch the football game," Tarr said.



Announcing the sportsmanship expectations of the Morrisville Pirate Athletic Council (MPAC) are Junior Melissa Warren and Senior Lisa Soberriak. Two players from high sport along with athletic trainers are involved in the organization. Before each home basketball game, MPAC members encourage the crowd to show good sportsmanship.

## Your Spirit defines Your School

Painted skin, spirit wear and the ever-so-common cheer of "Go Pirates" are what define school spirit. What goes along with these enthusiastic actions are the people who perform them, the fans.

Spirit would not be the same without groups of people to fill the stands and almost lose their voices trying to cheer on their Morrisville Pirates.

"Students should show school spirit to pump up the players to do their best," Senior Pamela Agoris said.

The fans understand how important and beneficial they are to every game. It is scary to even imagine games without spirited fans.

"Our teams probably wouldn't do as well because they usually feed off of our energy," Agoris said.

Of course we all know who the true stars of the games are, but the supporters are almost crucial.

The fans really encourage the teams to do their best, and make their school proud, Senior Megan Oliver said.

Students become very involved when they have opportunities to show off their spirit. Before attending games, friends all get together and design t-shirts and banners.

Showing off their spirit makes students feel a part of the team and gives them something fun and exciting to do. Without our spirit, each school day would be just another ordinary day in the life of our future graduates.



# Fresh ink and new Barbells



Physics teacher Ms. Sally Williamson has a tattoo of a ribboned-bow on her right arm that she got about seven years ago. Ms. Williamson also has her eyebrows tattooed on, as well as her lips and eyeliner. "I got the tattoo on my arm to see how a tattoo would feel before I got the tattoos on my face," Ms. Williamson said.



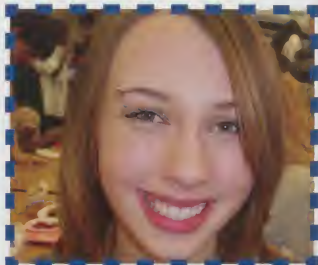
Guidance secretary Mrs. Katie Wiser also has a tattoo and some piercings of her own, including a nose ring and a tattoo on her shoulder. She received her tattoo about ten years ago and her nose ring about three years ago. "My brother actually made the tattoo I have," Wiser said. "It's his own original design."



Senior Jennifer Weger smiles for the camera while showing off her pierced eyebrow. Weger got her eyebrow pierced because she thought it was out of the ordinary. "It hurt so bad, I was seriously about ready to pass out," Weger said. "If it closed I would never get it pierced again." Weger has been thinking about getting a navel ring next.



Junior Ashley Sokolowski models her piercings with Senior Sully Haro. Haro has 12 piercings so far and also plans to get more in the future as well as a tattoo. She has done all of her piercings herself, including her newest one, which is her tongue ring.



# Weekend Hangouts



While forming a pyramid by the pool, Seniors Danielle Metlovski, Crystal Hernandez, Alexandra McLaughlin, Lindsey Hauber, Megan McNeil and Pamela Agoris celebrate the summer. "We hung out all summer, constantly taking pictures like this," Metlovski said.



While relaxing during their trip in Disney World, Seniors Kathrine Harold, Alexandra McLaughlin and Debra Harstad pose for a snapshot in the hot sun. "Amusement parks are so much fun whether on the weekends or on a long trip just to get away," McLaughlin said.



Preparing to ring in the New Year swinnier friends Juniors Michelle Ross, Kayla Meley, Kelsey Barrick, Senior Debora Machado, Junior Mallory Lancaster, Senior Sarah Yacko and Juniors Ashley Negrelli throw a party. "We had a lot of fun and did a lot of goofy things at Kelsey's house for New Years," Ross said.



"We're always chillin at the Mayo's house," Senior Trevor Bianchi said. Just kicking back and hanging out at friends' houses is what most kids like Seniors Trevor Bianchi and Baunden Walker like to do.

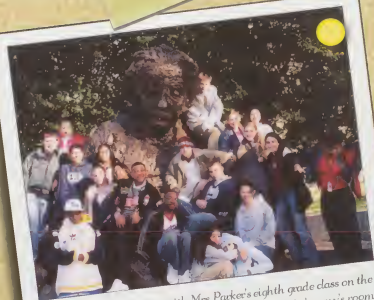


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Get homecoming

Dress for Friday!!



Senior Irene Lopez poses with Mrs. Parker's eighth grade class on the trip to Washington DC. "We were in the hotel and the guy's room was below us and we were hitting the floor trying to send Morris Code and the boys were hitting the ceiling with brooms," Lopez said.



"My favorite memories from high school have been from choir. I made new friends while in choir, and had so much fun," Senior Joshua Holcomb said. Holcomb, along with Seniors Krystie Reed and Charnell Forbes pose outside of the choir room.



"My favorite memory was when my best friend, Maunya Jacobs, went to state in March of 2005. I went along to support her, and we had so much fun," Senior Courtney Denning said. Denning and Jacobs made funny faces at the camera while at a local restaurant.



"My favorite memory had to be when I danced in the 2007 Reeve. I had so much fun being on stage with my friends," Senior Fátima Webb said. Webb poses back stage while waiting to perform.



"My favorite memories came from Homecoming Spirit Week, when a whole lot of my friends and I dressed up," Senior Desiree Bolden said. Bolden, Seniors Shanel Parks and Kortney Nichelson show off their Homecoming shirts.



"I hadn't smiled as much as I did the week of Homecoming. I had so much fun," Senior Canille Howard said. Howard and Senior Lee Gill pose for their Homecoming dance picture.



"I have been dancing since the seventh grade, and many of my best memories have come from dance," Senior Jessica Punnea said. Punnea picks up her "designated sister" Junice Leelle Johnson to pose for a picture.



"Being a new student is my favorite memory because I got a chance to start fresh and create a new reputation," Senior Christopher Nava said. Nava stops to talk to a friend in the cafeteria.



# Lovely Couples

High school can also be a great place to find dating potentials. Seniors Corbin Massa and Michele Zerbe have been together since November 1, 2006, and are still going strong.

"The best part of our relationship is spending time together," Zerbe said. "My favorite memory is when we went scuba diving together in Florida."

Seniors Irene Lopez and Quinn Roberts have been together since March 10, 2007.

"The best part is we don't have to spend money or go out. We're content with staying at home watching movies," Lopez said. "I don't know what will happen after high school, but I'm really glad we met and I love him. I don't think I'll ever find someone else like him."



Junior Raechel Pietraszak and Senior Eduardo Torres

"My favorite memory would probably be our first date or when she mistakes me for my brother."

Eduardo Torres, Senior



Junior Lindsey Mendez and Senior Michael Slavik

"We don't share many characteristics but that is what brings us closer together. We are like two halves of a person."

Lindsey Mendez, Junior



Seniors Charles Campos and Jessica Alvelo

"I look for a girl that is smarter than me and that can make me laugh. She has to be outgoing and have a nice smile, a girl exactly like Jessica."

Charles Campos, Senior



Juniors Keith Dockery and Rhonda McGuire

"Keith has a great personality and a good sense of humor. He is also very cute."

Rhonda McGuire, Junior



Sophomores Nicole Brindley and Ian Fultz

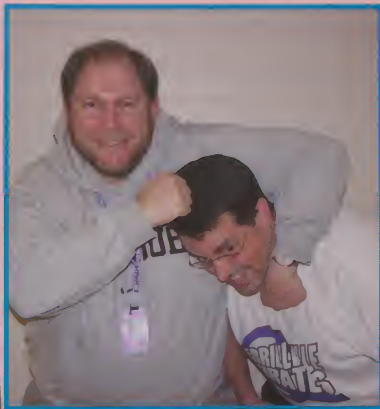
“We most likely won’t attend the same college because Ian is smarter than me. After being friends for this long, it won’t be a problem maintaining our friendship after high school.”  
Nicole Brindley,  
Sophomore



Sophomores Korey Loudermilk and Emily Kurzynski

“Emily is the type of friend that can make me laugh. She is very pretty and she is very good on crutches.”

Korey Loudermilk, Sophomore



Brian Past and Sean Hudson

“Mr. Hudson is the guy that always has my back, I can rely on him for favors and he’s always there for good laughs he’s always a conscious friend.”

Brian Past, English Teacher

# Best Friends

Almost everyone in the school is in some sort of relationship, whether it’s friendship or dating. High school is where you can make some of the best friends you’ll ever have. Seniors Kristen Hoyles and Stephanie Zellers have been best friends since they met in sixth grade tennis.

“The best part of our friendship is our inside jokes. We laugh all the time,” Hoyles said.

What do they think is the best kind of friend?

“Someone who can share inside jokes and laugh with all the time,” Hoyles said.

“Someone who can cheer you up no matter how upset you are,” Zellers said.



Seniors Daniel Stoica and Anthony Grzywina

“Tony has always been a trustworthy and loyal friend.”  
Daniel Stoica, Senior



# Busy People



The clock is ticking as Senior Benjamin Tapper tries to make deadline as member of the Pirate News Network Friday Show staff. Along with Tapper's active role in FCCLA and National Honor Society, he is also a night manager at Arby's.



With dew still fresh on the grass Junior Brandon Taylor dribbles down the field in the Pirate's morning dash against the Munster Mustangs. Brandon is not limited to the soccer field. Taylor is also a member of the school's bowling and track teams and the social group, STAND.



A little backstage humor as Senior Jessica Myren, posing with Senior Kate Kleineberg, embodies her character Lydia Lansing in the fall play *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. Away from the lights, camera, action! Myren is a member of the Golf Team, and she also practices ballet.



There are many busy people in Merrillville High School. Some of these people are teachers, some are students and some are even coaches. Mr. Jared Pierson who is the sponsor of the modeling troupe, a cafeteria supervisor and a daily economic and history teacher has a hard time balancing it all with his personal life. "It makes life busy and hard, but at the end of the day it's fun and rewarding," Pierson said.

Students also participate in many activities. For example, Junior Brandon Taylor, who participates in soccer, track, and bowling, won the Power of Children Award. The Award acknowledges him for staying on the honor roll since the third grade. "It's difficult giving time to both my education and my sports, but this has given me good time management and that makes my daily routine easier," Taylor said.

Mr. Tony Klimzak a teacher for the Freshman Academy Program, and a Varsity football and girl's track coach for Wheeler High School also has a busy schedule. Mr. Klimzak explained that there's a big difference in coaching and teaching. "It's not hard, because it's a different way of interacting with students, but if I had to choose which one I enjoy better it would have to be coaching," Klimzak said. "It's not how hard something is. It's how hard you push yourself to do something," Mr. Michael Knocek said.



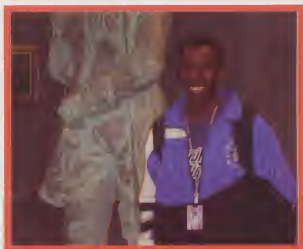
Rain won't stop the rhythm as Junior Taven Cunningham plays his drum through Mother Nature's shower. Cunningham member of the Advanced Band and jazz Band also works on the technical crew as sound and lighting engineer for the school drama productions.



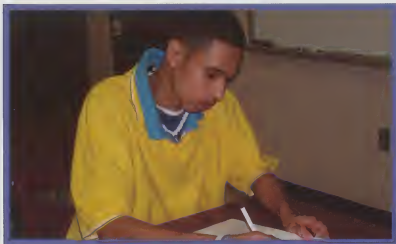
"It doesn't matter what college I go to, as long as I get to play baseball," Senior Douglas Domikaitis said. With Domikaitis having his goals set, he is hoping to be a successful teacher and play professional baseball. He hasn't decided what college yet, but is planning to apply at St. Joseph, Ball State or Indiana State University.

# Where are they going in life?

Whether they are half way across the country or just 30 minutes away, every graduate will miss something he or she left behind. Senior Krystie Reed said she will miss her church that she attends every Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. "I love my church so much because that is where I found myself," Reed said. Senior Zachary Banks will miss his dog and his good friend Keith Wachter. "I don't think I will miss my parents that much only because I have lived with them for 17 years," Banks said. Senior Megan McNeil said she will miss her friends and family that she will leave behind while attending her college. "I am hoping that six years will go by fast and I know it will be well worth it in the end," McNeil said. Senior Dayle McNab said he will miss some of his teachers and his friends while attending IVY Tech. Seniors said that they will have to learn how to provide for themselves and be responsible. Exploring the world is a tremendous opportunity to get that feeling of the real world.



Senior cheerleader Markeith Bray is planning to tryout for college and continue to cheer. Bray's plans are to attend college and study physical therapy or psychology. "I'm hoping to go to either IU Bloomington or St. Joseph," Markeith said.



After high school with his step dad as his role model, guiding, and teaching him many things in life, Senior Roberto Canales is planning to go to Purdue for just his first year of college. "After my first year I'm hoping to go to Indy to IUPUI for either a real estate agent or lawyer," Canales said. Canales also has a heart for fashion, and may want to go to school to be a fashion designer.



Having the love for children and helping people Senior Nashed Burns plans to get a degree in nursing. "My friends and I are planning getting an apartment close to home for college because I'm going to miss my mom too much," Burns said. She's planning on going to IVY tech, and in 10 years be financially stable.





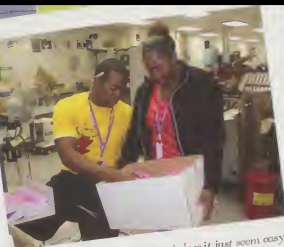
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# Forging Futures

Dedication, desire and motivation inspire young, ambitious minds to construct new roads that forge successful futures. With the guiding hands of teachers, role models and enthusiastic peers, we find our own direction and continue to live our lives to the fullest. "There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live." — John Adams



# Hands on technical matters



"Graphic Arts class is a very hard class it just seem easy," Senior Coderro Pollard said. Graphic Arts is one of Merrillville's most popular technical art classes. "At first I took this class to just fill in a blank on my schedule, but now that I'm taking it, it's fun," Senior Takesha Dockery said.

Many students like to take advantage of the Art and Technical Education classes that Merrillville High has to offer and many make a hobby out of what they learn, or plan to apply it to their future lives.

Technical Education includes classes such as Woods, Metals, Autocad and Auto shop.

Junior Jon Cowley is in the metals class with Mr. James Garner.

"My favorite memory is when I was welding something and a spark caught my pant leg on fire and burnt the leg off," Cowley said. "My favorite thing is welding stuff."

Cowley is thinking about continuing what he has learned in the metals class after high school is over.



"Photography class is very interesting, plus it's fun," Sophomore Denny Torres said. Torres attends Mrs. Anderson's Media Arts class for his third period class.

"Graphic arts class is not as easy as it seems, but it's beneficial," Sophomore David Cross said. This is Cross's first year in graphic art and he finds it to be a learning environment. "It's the only class I really pay attention in," Cross said.



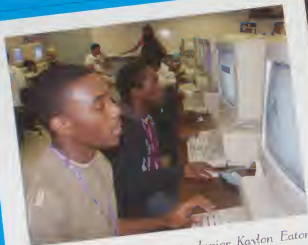
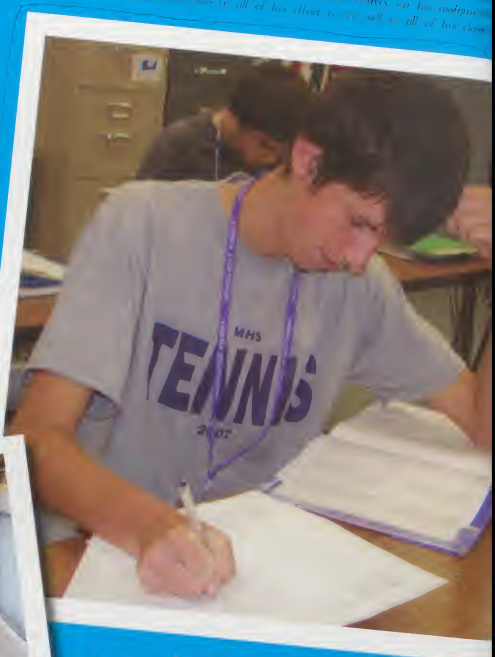
Requirements of the State of Indiana say that students must pass four years of English before they can graduate. Some may not know all of the extra options offered in the English department to accompany these required classes.

Grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structure are not the only lessons available to learn new. Classes such as creative writing, film/literature, dramatic literature, young adult novels, and mythology are all available to students interested in expanding their skills of English.

"It makes English fun at least for me," Miss Nicki James, dramatic literature teacher said of her class. Instead of the basic learning experience in the English classroom, dramatic literature builds confidence and the ability to figure out who you are in different personalities," Miss James said. Differing from the regular atmosphere of a typical English class, Miss James said her class gives her an opportunity to be in a more personal world, not just teaching, but actually interacting."

Miss Lisa Bink teaches the creative writing class and described her class as being "good for everyone to understand how to write become independent and responsible and develop skills that are useful everywhere." Overall, these classes show that English can be a fun and exciting learning experience. It does not have to be only about learning the basics in order to pass the requirements, but to walk away with a potential interest to pursue in life after high school.

...grammar can be fun, and is a pleasure, player Ky... Papp is becoming more and more confident in his assignments. Since Papp is an old student, he has a lot of his class to do, well in all of his class.



In front of the computer, is Junior Kayton Eaton. In the computer lab, ready to begin typing out what he is looking for, Eaton is prepared to do his English assignment. Due to the amount of essays students have to complete for a major grade, English classes are beginning to mean a lot for all classmen.

Not just  
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literature



Living in such a diverse society calls for everyone to learn how to speak a language other than their own native tongue. In fact, it has become a requirement in order to be accepted into most colleges.

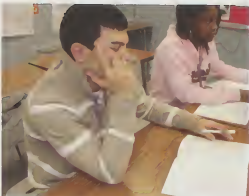
There are many benefits since stepping into the real world, to having even a basic education of a foreign language. Most jobs need versatile employees to help with their diverse customers.

Life becomes much easier when traveling to foreign countries with a background of the language too. The United States is full of people from all kinds of different countries, and it is everyone's job to help the flow of communication continue.

MHS offers classes in Spanish, French, German and Russian. It is the choice of the student as to which language interests them the most.

Senior Kendall Sharp explained why she chose Spanish as her foreign language and said, "There are a lot of people who only speak Spanish and if I become a dentist I will have to know what they are saying in order to help them."

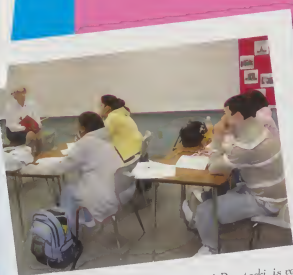
Senior Kathrin Kleineberg is a foreign exchange student from Germany in her first year of Spanish class. "I love learning foreign languages. It's nice to be able to communicate with people in their language instead of hoping or assuming that they speak English," Kleineberg said.



Reading to her 3rd hour class, Mrs. Evelyn Steiner, looks to Senior, Daniel Prentoski, having hand on his face. Sitting next to Prentoski is Senior Brittany Williams. Seniors Monica Winbush and Jasmine Rodriguez focus the entire time on their teacher. Mrs. Steiner uses this technique to help her students understand the language better and to help them understand how to pronounce the words properly.



Finally! Mrs. Marjorie Bertoni's Spanish class. Junior Cody Niles shows the class a demonstration of his work. While listening to the demonstration, Junior Suzette Sanchez gives him full attention to Niles. In the front row sits Junior Andrew Coadery. Sitting next to Niles Bertoni's desk is Junior KianaSharon Day. In the second row is Junior Evelyn Irak and Senior Kendall Sharp. Foreign Language classes give students the opportunity to learn and to teach each other how to speak a different language, in addition to having fun while doing it.

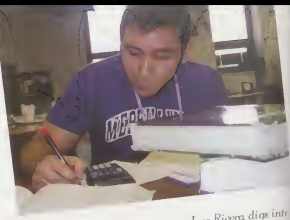


Having hand on his face, Senior Daniel Prentoski, is ready to begin writing, as he has a pen in his hand. While on his right, Senior Monica Winbush, pays close attention to what Spanish teacher, Mrs. Steiner, has to say about her lesson.

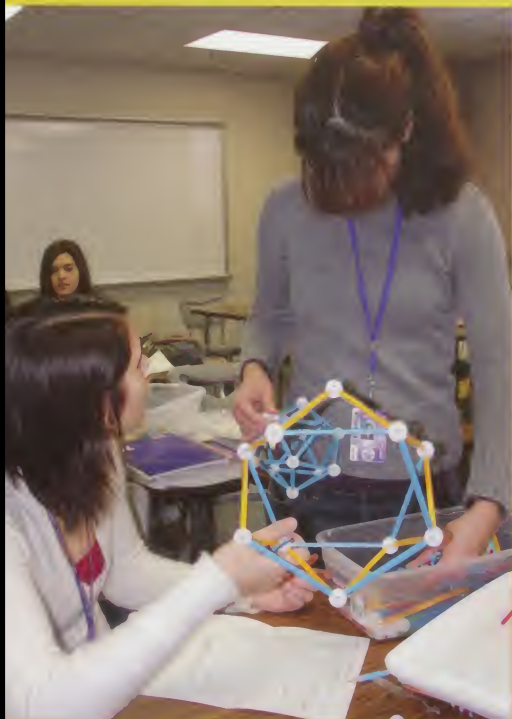
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Working on his homework, Junior Jose Rivera digs into his intellect to try to complete his work before the bell rings. "Algebra two is a rough subject. It takes a little bit of thought and concentration to figure problems out," Rivera says.



Working together to construct a geometric figure Freshmen Jordann Matthys and Jill Ross piece together two similar figures of two different sizes. "It felt like we were making molecules of some kind, but really they were just geometric shapes. I like how I get to work hands on with math. It makes things much more fun," Matthys said.



Plotting a graph to homework from the night before, Junior Danice Carbajal illustrates what the graph looked like. "Plotting points is something that was always easy to me. Graphs just make things so much easier to understand," Carbajal said.

Markers blazing! Minds racing! Trying to find a solution to a simple mathematical equation. Hard?

For the students at MHS mathematics is just another daily routine.

Students boggle their minds in these classes that test sheer knowledge. While mathematics may come easy to some students, to others, quadratic equations may not be as simple. "Math has always been hard for me, I never really got the concept and I don't really like remembering all those equations," Sophomore Kaitlynn Steckowitz said. These students strive every day to learn the most of what their teachers can throw at them, placing formula after formula into their already jam-packed minds.

Teachers often use board work to help improve response and participation. "I honestly prefer board work because it gives me a chance to show my intellect," Junior Charles Mihal said. Many fear the feeling of oblivion, of not knowing an answer, while others may be very willing to show off their intelligence.









Taking his time, Sophomore Jonathan Bundy carefully removes peanut butter cookies from a hot cookie sheet. Holidays and Microwave Food class teaches students how to prepare special holiday foods and to use the microwave to cook convenience foods.



During Child Development class, Sophomore Kanyu Brookins dresses a doll. This course provides students with skills and techniques needed when caring for a child. Students begin to understand how children develop mentally, emotionally, socially, and physically as they work with children in the Day Care Center at the high school.



Busy rolling out dough, Sophomore Alexis Epting prepares a pie in Gourmet Food class. Students learn how to prepare gourmet dinners and culinary specialties from around the world during this trimester class.

The Faculty and Learning Sciences Department have had several changes this year due to the fact that one of them is the absence of Mrs. Barbara Broedel.

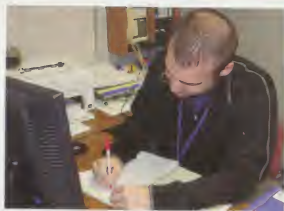
FAC classes offer a variety of elective courses. Many of them deal with cooking, some examples would be Food and Nutrition Wellness, Gourmet Foods, Holiday and Microwave Foods and Advanced Food Nutrition. The FAC Department also offers students courses that deal with the knowledge needed in order to be independent.

Some of those electives would be Interpersonal Relations, Adult Roles and Responsibilities, Modern Living, Parenting, Human Development and Family Wellness, Housing and Interior Design including others. This department also offers students the opportunity to be in the HERO program, which is an advantage because students only have to attend school for half a day and then go to their jobs, if they have the approval from the administration.

Last but not least, the FAC Department also offers a course where students have the opportunity to experiment having a child - and actually taking care of it. Many students enjoy being able to cook simple foods more than anything else. "I hate real meat so anything that involved cooking with chicken was good for me," said Junior Marco Arroyo. "The best thing about having Foods is that you don't have to do any homework," said Arroyo.

# Changes for creative students





Grading the Constitution test in Government is Mr. Mark Schellinger. Schellinger attended Franklin College and is in his second year of teaching US History 3 and Government. Considering teaching ran in his family, he naturally became interested. "The best part of my job is I can come to school every day, never knowing what to expect from my students," Mr. Schellinger said. When Mr. Schellinger is not busy with teaching or coaching he enjoys sleeping or taking part in anything competitive, such as playing golf. His second choice for a career would have been to be involved with the Military.



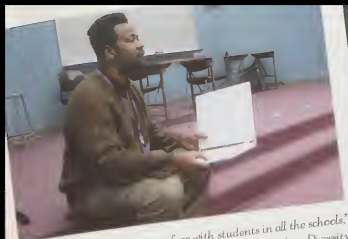
With Freshman Christopher Mabone by his side, Mr. Jacob Stafford assists him on his Geography homework. "The environment here at Merrillville is fun. I like the relationships I have with my students," Mr. Stafford said. He graduated from Ball State University; although this is his fourth year of teaching, it is his first year at Merrillville High School. Mr. Stafford is also the Wide Receiver Offensive Football coach, the Junior Varsity Softball coach and the announcer for girls basketball games. "I became interested in becoming a teacher because I really like kids," Mr. Stafford said, then with a laugh, "and I really wanted the giant book with all the answers."

# New teachers going down in history



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"It takes an extra effort to interface with students in all the schools," Mr. Danny Lackey said. Mr. Lackey tackles the new job as Diversity Coordinator with students at MHS, Clifford Pierce Middle School, Merrillville Intermediate School and the five elementary schools.

# New faces, new job for old counselor

The Guidance Office has tweaked its setting a bit by adding new faces and new jobs for old counselors.

Previously a counselor, Mr. Danny Lackey now tackles the new and inventive role of Diversity Coordinator.

It's still a role in progress, but it is a pretty easy transition since I am still in the "same environment," Mr. Lackey said.

A typical day for Mr. Lackey sees him arriving at 7 a.m. and consulting his "to-do" list for the day. From there, he's on his way contacting students and supervising social work interns who have been placed at the high school by local colleges and universities.

"I conduct diversity training for all new teachers and supervise the assignment of students to social work interns," Lackey said.

To recognize his efforts in diversity, the Anti-Defamation League presented him with the World of Difference Award in September.

"It was surreal," Mr. Lackey said. "I didn't believe it at first. I was surprised."

Mr. Lackey has been the sponsor of Socially Together and Naturally Diverse (STAND) for nine years. He started the group when he was a counselor at Pierce and continued his involvement when he moved to the high school.

"Mr. Lackey taught us how not to judge people and to accept them for who they are," Senior Brittany Williams said.

"My favorite memory of Mr. Lackey is the Breast Cancer Walk," Senior Krystie Reed said. "He did the YMCA dance."



Helping services make important changes for students are Ms. Lori Magnuson and Miss Terrie Dowdell. Although they both are new to our school, in the past, their years have as counselors. Ms. Magnuson worked for Anderson High School and Miss Dowdell worked for Anderson High School. Both really enjoy working with the students. "I find the students to be very motivated," Ms. Magnuson said. "It is very adventurous, each day is different. My day is like a rollercoaster," Miss Dowdell said.





Two students explore a shipwreck during one of their dives. Exploring ruins was just one of the once-in-a-lifetime experiences that the students took part in on their trip.



As a part of the class, the students learn to scuba dive and have an opportunity to explore the reefs of Key West Florida. "The sharks were probably the coolest thing I saw," Senior Michelle Zeebe said, "It was amazing!"





The students on the trip had an opportunity to learn firsthand about the creatures of the sea. "That's a Cassiopeia jellyfish (bottom picture). It stings, but not that bad. It kind of makes your hand numb," Senior Corbin Massa said.

# Submerged in Adventure



Top: Wading during one of eight underwater scuba dives are Senior Sarah Yacko, Junior Kirsten Keharchik and a Lake Central student. Bottom photo: Front row: Ashley Negrelli, Kirsten Keharchik; Back row: Jeff Yelton, Sarah Yacko, Michelle Zerbe, Corbin Massa.



# Designed to Challenge



After school in the library Senior Jalysa King sits for her AP Psychology and Biology classes. "getting a double major in psychology and biology, I think the AP classes will benefit me a lot," King



Many students don't enroll in AP classes until their sophomore or junior year. However, many of those students are members of the National Honor Society and AP classes are designed to present a challenge and are also the only classes offered at school. There were approximately 201 students enrolled in AP classes in the 2007-2008 school year. There's less homework in AP classes because the problems are harder and there's more thinking involved. Senior Aimee Pheasant says, "For example, the AP Calculus class goes a step further than Pre-Calculus by studying the 'differentiations' and integration of algebraic functions."

An advantage of being in an AP class is the AP exams that are given in May of each year. These exams offer students the opportunity to test out of college courses and receive the credit for that course.



Challenging the AP course, Senior Angel Young is not someone who will accept the easy road from AP classes. She is studying all three AP classes to help her college work. "I never think that there will think much of it," she says.



"I intended to take AP Chemistry and I could better prepare myself for college," Senior Robert Kaphar says. AP students get bombarded with homework in Kaphar's class to get a head start on his chemistry class.

# Making a Difference



Conversing among themselves, Seniors Elizabeth Baumann, Pamela Agonis, Danielle Melloski, Jacyln Nason and Jessica Punnaa prepare for the annual 5K Walk-A-thon, October 21. "It was a good way to help others out," Punnaa said. The members of NHS are required to be model students for the school. "I held at least a 3.5 GPA and show strong leadership skills. My teachers recommended me and I was accepted my junior year," Punnaa said.



Following to raise money, the members of the National Honor Society walked 5K for the Special Needs Department at our school. Each member had to raise a minimum of \$25 from corporate sponsors or individuals in order to participate. "We had a really good turnout and we raised more money than NHS has raised in the past," President Senior Benjamin Tapper said.



During the Kids Carnival for Unisip Riley, Senior Stephanie Donchais helps with the games. NHS members volunteered their time during the carnival to help Key Club members who sponsored the event.

Induction ceremonies in February welcomed new members to the National Honor Society. The top 50 juniors who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and a teacher recommendation qualified.

"Induction is a chance to explain what's special about NHS. It really is an honor to be a part of this organization. It's also an opportunity for new members to get excited about next year and a way for current members to pass the torch," National Honor Society sponsor Mrs. Patrice Weil said.

From November 15 to February 23, current members donated their time in community service.

"It [individual service projects] motivated us to go out on our own to do good for our community on our own free will," Senior Jennifer Weger said.

"From my perspective a service project causes you to think about your community. There's a lot of joy that comes from helping people," Mrs. Weil said. "NHS teaches future leaders to give back to the community and gives them perspective on those less fortunate."





During Senior Kathrin Kleineberg's visit in downtown Chicago she stops to take a quick snapshot with fellow exchange student Senior Wiebke Schaefer. Kleineberg said she likes going to American football and basketball games, but going to Chicago is her favorite. "Chicago is so close it's nice just to spend a whole Saturday there," Kleineberg said.



When the day is over, Kathrin says capturing the film she takes is very much is luck from me to my six weeks in my life fine with without any

## Germany

While playing in Lisbon, Portugal, Senior Guillermo Molina smiles as he chases his little sister. "The language and the people are different here, you don't have your friends and family here so not that you're alone, but it's just different."



With just the pavement and his board beneath him, only gravity can bring down 17 year old Senior Guillermo Molina. Besides skateboarding, when Molina is in Spain he spends his time surfing, snowboarding, and riding motocross. "I don't go out a lot in America, I usually stay home. In my country I never stay home, there is always something to do," Molina said.

## Exchanging Nationalities



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With Senior Mariya Nikolayeva ready for homecoming she poses to take a picture with her host father, before her first American dance. "I love Russia but America is something new to experience," Nikolayeva said.

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*With words of wisdom and encouragement, Coach Zac Wells inspires his football team to achieve success through teamwork and dedication. Many of the sports teams at Merrillville High School are motivated by the enthusiasm of the coaches, students and fans alike. During the fall, fans flock to the stadium every Friday to cheer the football team to victory.*



# Edgy Enthusiasm

A fan cries out the name of a sweating athlete. A coach sheds a tear of victory for his team. A photographer snaps a picture on the sidelines of the field. This collaboration of people touches only the beginning of what goes into creating memories of the dedication, enthusiasm, victory and defeat that goes hand in hand to define competition and athletics.





Stiff against a Penn defensive player, senior wide receiver Clayton Cooper (31) runs the ball down the field. Their strength was running the ball but their weakness was their pass game," Cooper said. Victory over Penn gave the team satisfaction of Regional Champions leading them to Semi-State.

Engaged in a block, Senior defensive tackle Jarret Rucker prevents a Gliffith offensive player from advancing. "Stay strong, physical, and mentally tough," Demario Richardson said to upcoming seniors



Withrosticelli in one hand and victory in mind, Senior Clayton Cooper prepares for the Friday night game. Every Friday after school, the team met in the cafeteria to enjoy a meal their mothers served them. "It's a time to get together with your buddies and shoot the breeze," Senior Steven Lehee said



With a trophy and a number one sign in the air, the boys cry victory over Lake Central taking the sectional championship title. "Personally it's a great feeling. It's my first sectional championship title and it's a great way to acknowledge the guys and coaches for the year," Coach Mark Schellinger said

## WASHIAA football

17	Warren Central	10
14	Griffin	8
17	Crown Point	20
21	Portage	14
35	Michigan City	7
42	LaPorte	28
55	Valparaiso	13
24	Lake Central	3
38	Chesterton	10
<b>Sectionals</b>		
21	Chesterton	0
13	Crown Point	7
30	Lake Central	6
<b>Regionals</b>		
21	Penn	20
	Semi-State	35
13	Carmel	Opponent
MHS		

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Demario Richardson

### Most Improved

Dolapo Macarthy

### Leadership

### Mr. ZIP

Dionte Day



"I actually got that ball so I was pretty happy about that," Junior Kelsey Barwick (7) said. "I've most games, Barwick was the libero for the girls this season." Since I was the libero my goals were to work hard and get everything up," Barwick said.



"I really wanted to get the pass up," Senior front row hitter Kristen Hoxley (8) said, against Portage at the 2007 Sectional Conference. "Sectional win was the best feeling in the world. We were told we weren't going to be a strong team this year, but we showed what we had and came out on top," Hoxley said. "Going a step further in sectionals than we did last year showed we became stronger as a whole than we were at the beginning of the year."



"Our team goals were to do the best we could and we accomplished that by all of us working together as one," Junior back row player Alyssa Brindley (10) said. Against Anderson, Brindley serves the ball over the net.



The only Freshman on the varsity Volleyball team, Melanee Stubbs (11), listens to Coach Tanya Price explain the game strategies against Crown Point. Stubbs was Most Impressed for the team this season. "We had really good coaches and it would of been impossible to have a great season if it wasn't for them," Junior Alyssa Brindley said about the season.



Right before the sectional game at Merrillville vs. Portage, the girls' Volleyball team receives a pep talk from the Senior Captains. "As captain, I always try to stay positive," Senior Lisa Saberniak (1) said. Coach Tanya Price, who has coached volleyball for 22 years said, "They worked together and learned what it took to win the game and they realized it was more than one person and that it took every one to win the game."

"Team concept is so important and I feel like they learned that."

Coach Tanya Price

# Spike Up the Heat

Setting up the ball for Junior left front Tiffany Robertson (4). Junior setter Melissa Warren (2) had not only goals for the game vs. Andean that ended with a loss of 0-3, but goals for the season. "My goals were to give 110% every game, have fun, and make it a memorable season," Warren said.



Celebrating what was a big victory for the Lady Pirates the team cheers on as they advance to the second round of sectionals vs. Portage. Portage had good defense so we knew we'd have to be prepared," Senior Captain, Lisa Saberniak said.

Passing the ball. Senior Ashley Contreras (3) gets covered by Senior Lisa Saberniak (1) and Junior Alyssa Brindley (5). "I just wanted to get it up to the setter so the hitters could hit it," Contreras said.

Senior blockers Ashley Contreras (3) and Kristen Hoyles (18) block the spike from the opposing team while Lake Central's Holly Krause (6) covers the block from Contreras and Hoyles. The team had an over all 8 wins and 11 losses and lost to Lake Central with a score of 1-3.

## varsity volleyball

3	Griffith	0
2	Lowell	3
0	Andean	3
2	Crown Point	3
0	Lake Central	3
0	Chesterton	3
3	Valparaiso	2
0	LaPorte	3
3	Michigan City	0
3	Portage	0
1	Crown Point	3
1	Lake Central	3
0	Chesterton	3
3	Valparaiso	2
	Terry White Invite	3rd place
0	LaPorte	3
3	Michigan City	0
3	Portage	1
	<b>Sectionals</b>	
3	Portage	0
0	LaPorte	3
MHS		OPPONENT

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Lisa Saberniak

### Most Improved

Melanee Stubbs

### Sportsmanship

Kristen Hoyles

### Leadership

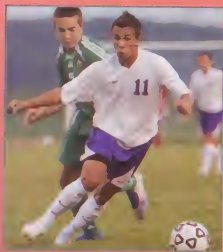
Ashley Contreras





Keeping the ball in play is Senior defender Gregory Jansen (4). "We had a good season, we played as hard as we could, we just didn't get as far as we wanted," Captain Jansen said. The team won first round of sectionals, but lost to Andover in double overtime, 1-0.

As Chesterton High School soccer players watch (bottom), junior defender John Kovack set head-kick the ball. Kovack was known for running up the middle along with team captain Sophomore defender Nick Vasas. Vasas ended the season with six goals.



Advancing the ball is Sophomore midfielder Nick Vasas (11). Teammates said the Mid parish game was most challenging loss, 4-1. The beginning of the season we had injuries and illnesses. It wasn't until mid-season the team really came together," Coach Brian Past said.



Avoiding the slide tackle from Chesterton player, Jordan Lewis (20) is Junior defender Keith Wachter (16). "Every player made some sort of improvement from the first game to the last," Coach Brian Past said. "The defense especially dramatically learned as a unit."

With a Munster High School soccer player close behind, Sophomore mid-fielder Michael Enghofer (10) traps the ball on his chest. "I became more of a leader. I wasn't shy, and I stepped up this season," Enghofer said. The team lost to the Mustangs 3-1.



Attempting a shot on the goal is Senior forward Ryan Stokes (20). The last time this season with all goals. "We had a better work ethic," Stokes said.





With a Lake Central High School soccer player between Junior mid-fielder Antonio Carbajal (15) and Freshman defender James Ooms (19), Carbajal attempts to send the ball as Ooms assists. "The team had chemistry. I felt they all got along with each other. They knew what role they had to serve in order to be successful," Coach Brian Past said.

"Every player made some sort of improvement from the first game to the last."

Coach Brian Past

Kicking the Competition

boys' varsity

## soccer

2	Andean	1
3	LaPorte	2
1	Ft. Wayne Snider	4
1	Chesterion	6
	Hoosier Cup	
2	Vincennes Lincoln	3
7	Edgewood	0
2	Evansville Harrison	1
0	Valparaiso	4
1	Münster	3
0	Michigan City	2
3	Hobart	2
1	Crown Point	4
2	West Lafayette	2
3	Lafayette Jefferson	0
1	Lake Central	5
0	Ft. Wayne Canterbury	1
0	Portage	1
	Sectionals	
7	Hobart	1
0	Andean	1
MHS		OPPONENT

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Ryan Stokes

### Most Improved

Eric Herzog

### Sportsmanship

Michael Enghofer

### Leadership

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As she shields the ball, Senior defender Kendall Sharp (21) looks to make a pass. Sharp said that she enjoyed practices to games because "we can just concentrate and have fun and not focus on winning or losing and it's a lot less stress."



Senior Debbie Horstad attempts a goal at the game vs. Griffith. Before games Horstad said that the team prepared by listening to teammate Senior Despina Lozevski. Coach Joel Fairbairn also gave the team advice on ways to improve from previous games.



Pushing her way through the crowd, Senior midfielder Katharine Hamel, dribbles for a pass. Hamel said that the team improved a lot since the start of the season. Hamel looks at Portage as the game then made their confidence "kick up."



## Kicking Into Gear

"We hit a rough spot and pulled out of it and proved how well we could play together as a team."

Senior Kathrine Harold



Making a goal, Senior forward Despina Lozevski plays at the Griffith game. Lozevski said that the most difficult game throughout the whole season was the sectional game vs. Andreean. The teams played two scoreless halves and were forced to go into overtime. Lozevski felt that throughout the whole game both teams had numerous opportunities to score. The Pirates lost 1-0 with less than seven minutes on the clock.

Making her way down the field, Sophomore forward Nicole Brindley checks to her left and right before sprinting ahead with the ball. Brindley said that she is going to miss Senior Amanda Churilla when she graduates. "I look up to her, and I have known her for so long and she's really good at the sport, she always is staying focused." With the team losing 10 seniors to graduation, Brindley hopes to help the Pirates and further her role on the field next season.



Fighting for the ball, Senior center defender Amanda Churilla (2) and Andrea's Katie Walker's battle during the scoreless game September 6. "We've grown a lot closer and we're more skilled," Churilla said. Churilla looked forward to the start of each season and meeting all the new girls and learning what they could bring to the team. Churilla looked back on the game vs. Andrea as being the most difficult. The girls played them at the start of the season and ended the game with a tie 0-0. The two teams met again in the first round of sectionals and lost 11-0. Churilla said "we worked so hard but the last ten minutes, we made one simple mistake and that was it."

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Michelle Kistler

### Most Impressed

Katelynn Kora

### Sportsmanship

Despina Lozevski

### Leadership

Kendall Sharp

Rarely missing on the soccer field, Junior forward Danielle Bly takes a shot at the Merrillville vs. Griffith game. Before games Bly said "I listen to my ipod and try not to focus on anything other than the game." As a team, Bly feels that this season the girls have bonded together and achieved more of their goals. One goal the team achieved this season was winning Senior Night against the Portage Indians. Bly agreed along with many of her teammates that this was the team's most successful game. Bly said that she looks up to and will miss Senior left midfielder Katie Bulko. "She's so determined and she works so hard."

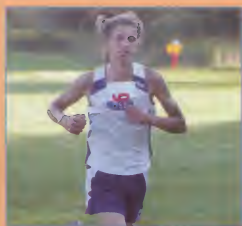


Junior Danica Carbajal prepares for games by praying beforehand. At the start of the season Carbajal prepared herself and teammates by getting a positive mind, and achieving all goals that came their way. Carbajal believes that her team grew closer and had less drama. Carbajal looks up to Senior Despina Lozevski. "She's always motivating somebody and always giving us a positive mind right when we need it," Carbajal said.

## girls' varsity soccer

3	LaPorte	3
0	Highland	4
2	Chesterton	9
2	Evansville Harrison	5
3	Richmond	3
2	Crawfordsville	5
0	Valparaiso	5
0	Andrea	0
0	Griffith	4
4	Michigan City	3
0	West Lafayette	5
1	Crown Point	4
0	Munster	1
0	Lake Central	1
1	Boone Grove	5
0	Hobart	3
2	Portage	1
Sectionals		
0	Andrea	1
MHS		OPPONENT





With his hair in the wind, Senior Corbin Massa rushes for the finish. He led the team through second and semi-state and earned the MVP award. Runners who participate in Cross Country must be prepared to work hard, Mass said.



Looking ready for the sun, Senior Michael Gough runs to get a good standing among his other teammates. Gough said he takes meets seriously. "You'll only get somewhere if you're willing to put in lots of hard work," Gough said about cross country.



Trying to sweat off the pressure, Senior Seth Binder races to stay in front of his competition. "Staying in shape and learning the value of hard work," Binder said, has benefited him in his cross country career.



Working hard to stay in pace, Junior Charles Mikhail catches up with his Crown Point opponents. By participating in Cross Country, Mikhail said he is in better shape, has something to do after school, and hopes that it will help with college applications. During a race, Mikhail said he often thinks, "Learn to like the pain and run harder."



Striving for excellence, Freshman Frank Dusik runs like there's no tomorrow. He's always loved running and has been goal oriented ever since he joined Cross Country. Dusik said that all that runs through his mind when he's running is, "I've got to pass the next guy."



Keeping up with his crowd, Junior David Bailey races hard to stay there. Bailey was recruited to be on the Cross Country Team and made friends with the other boys easily. "Really think about it if you're committed to doing it," Bailey said about joining Cross Country.



"It's been in my family for a while and I've always enjoyed running," Freshman Kevin Caruana said. Caruana follows in his brother, Senior David Caruana's tracks. As he rounds the corner, he said he thinks to himself, "Where am I and who should I be next to?"

"It's pretty cool when you see four purple uniforms in front of everyone else," Coach Michael Hoffman said. Coach Hoffman said he's been teaching the team how to pack run because it "makes the task easier." Against Crown Point, the team carved 28 points against the Bulldogs.

## boys' varsity cross country

	Gavit	5th/12th
22	Michigan City	34
42	Valparaiso	162
	T.F. South Invite	7th/17
28	Crown Point	25
	Rensselaer Central	2nd/30
15	Lake Central	48
23	Laporte	36
	New Prairie Invite	15th/31
30	Chesterton	27
31	Portage	26
	Highland Invite	6th/20
	DAC var/JV	7th/8
	Sectional	5th/12
MHS		OPPONENT



Breathing hard, Senior Daniel Caruana tries to stay in focus and catch up with the front runners. He has been running Cross Country his entire high school career and in past years has won the Top 12 in All DAC Honors. Caruana said that the only reason he joined Cross Country was that he "didn't want to play soccer anymore."

### Standouts

#### Most Valuable

Corbin Massa

#### Most Improved

Kevin Caruana

#### Sportsmanship

Seth Binder

#### Leadership

Dan Caruana

"It is pretty cool when you see four purple uniforms in front of everyone else."

Coach Michael Hoffman

# Staying on Course





"I first started running Cross Country to get in shape for Track," senior Ashley Hite said. "I've come to stay ahead of Crown Point the opposing team. Hite has been running since her sophomore year. Before running in a race, Hite prepares herself with a 10 minute warm up, stretching and changing her spikes to her shoes. Hite enjoys running and plans on running Cross Country her senior year."



"After you get there running is great, you feel good because you know you worked hard and accomplished something," senior Alex Meux said after running in the Cross Country meet. Before running in a race, Meux meditates, stretches and figures out how fast she will go out. Meux started running Cross Country her freshman year and has improved by decreasing her running time."



"Fighting through the race," senior Courtney Denney has her mind set on getting her best time possible. "It keeps me in shape," Denney said. Motivated by team work, the Cross Country team placed sixth in the sectional meet."

# Fleet-Footed Females

'People that work harder than others would eventually beat people with more talent.'

Coach Sean Meagher



"Running helps me clear my mind," Senior Jessica Boursier said. With her right leg extended, Boursier runs in the Cross Country meet. "Before I run in a meet I warm up, listen to my ipod and pray," Boursier said. Boursier has been running Cross Country since her freshman year. "Yes, there is a lot of team work on the Cross Country team. We stretch and run together," Cross Country coach Sean Meagher said.



While running Cross Country, Senior Corina Collins reminisces about her improvements over the year. "The course was hard but I have improved a lot over the year," Collins said. Two years ago Collins could not run 800 meters, but now she runs three to five miles a day.



"Cross Country keeps me in shape for the track season," Senior Batney Curry said. Curry strides to finish the race. Curry has been running since the age of nine. "I have changed my work ethic," Curry said. "I know I have to push myself."



While running, Senior Chantice Cade stays ahead of Crown Point. Cade has been running since her freshman year. "I did well this year, but there is always room for improvements," Cade said. With Kate Tarr and Jessica Boursier advancing to semi-state, Coach Sean Meagher said he felt good about coaching the girls' team. "Yes, I like coaching girls Cross Country because people that work harder than others would eventually beat people with more talent," Coach Meagher said.



"I like running Cross Country. Some people think I'm crazy for running," Junior Kate Tarr said. Tarr is running in the Cross Country meet. Tarr has been running since the fourth grade and placed second in sectionals. Tarr has improved this year by decreasing her running time from 21 to 19 minutes, and advancing to the semi-state meet along with Senior Jessica Boursier who advanced to semi-state after placing second in sectionals.

## girls' varsity cross country

	Gavit	9th place
	Tri-Meet	
36	Michigan City	22
46	Valparaiso	17
	T.F. South Invite	5th/19
41	Crown Point	20
	Rensselaer	4th
	Tri-Meet	
48	Lake Central	15
36	LaPorte	23
	New Prairie Invite	26th/30
	Tri-Meet	
37	Chesterton	24
39	Portage	22
	Highland Invite	8th/18
	DAC	8th/8
	Sectional	6th/12

MHS

Opponent

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Katie Tarr

### Most Improved

Corina Collins

### Sportsmanship

Ava Meux

### Leadership

Jessica Boursier





Returning the ball Sophomore Kyle Papp shows off his forehand swing. "I did a lot to prepare for the season, like I went and got lessons at match point and went to all the summer camps," Papp said. Papp earned himself the number three spot on varsity this year and had high hopes of the 2001 winning sectionals. "I would definitely like to play tennis for Purdue when I graduate," Papp said.



Ready to play Sophomore Colin Burke makes his first serve. This is Burke's second year playing for the high school. The team had hopes to win the sectional but fell just short of it this year.



Double partners Junior Nolan Mavresky and Senior Mark Bobowski walk off the court after their match. "We did a lot to prepare for the season, mainly did a bunch of camps," Mavresky said.



As he sprints to the ball, Junior Stephen Carniello returns the ball just in time to save the play. Carniello started off the season playing doubles but ended up in the sectional match playing number two singles. "It's a lot of fun to play, and all my friends are in it," Carniello said.

"I mainly look up to our coach. He's taught me a lot."

Junior Stephen Carniello

# Serving to Match Point

Attacking the serve Junior Nolan Mayersky gets back into position and ready to return a ball. Mayersky played number two doubles with senior Mack Bobowsky. "I started playing in eighth grade just as something to do," Mayersky said.



Number one doubles player Junior Kenneth Albee returns the serve. This is Albee's third year on the team. After losing his doubles partner from last year he has teamed up with Senior Wyatt Perkins. The two had high hopes to win state.

## boys' varsity tennis

2	Highland	3
3	Michigan City	2
2	Chesterton	3
0	Lake Central	5
0	Valparaiso	5
2	Crown Point	3
0	LaPorte	5
	MHS Invitational	4th place
4	Hobart	1
5	Potage	0
0	Lowell	5
0	Munster	5
	<b>Sectionals</b>	
3	Hobart	2
5	Andrean	0
	<b>Regionals</b>	
5	River Forest	0
1	LaPorte	4
MHS		OPPONENT



## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Wyatt Perkins

### Most Improved

Colin Burke

### Sportsmanship

Stephen Carniello

### Leadership

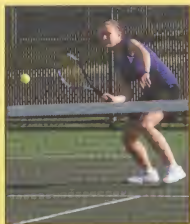
Kenny Albee



Junior Stephen Carniello returns a volley. Carniello started playing when he was in second grade. "It was just something to do, and something I'm good at," Carniello said. "I mainly look up to our coach. He's taught me a lot."

Returning a serve with concentration is Senior Wyatt Perkins. Perkins ended the season playing number one doubles. "We did a lot to prepare for the season. We ran two miles every other day, did lots of drills, and mainly worked on fundamentals," Perkins said.





Senior Stephanie Zellers, 15-year tennis player, crouches down in order to hit the ball. Zellers started playing tennis when her parents enrolled her into summer camps. "It has been by far my favorite season. I'm just really going to miss all of the good times we have had," Zellers said.



Preparing for the serve, Junior Allison Kish takes her position. "It has been a lot of fun, and I'm going to really miss the seniors," Kish said. Kish learned to play tennis from her seventh grade social studies teacher and tennis coach, Mr. Martinson.



Senior Ashley Contreras smacks the ball across the court as she makes a landing from her high jump. Contreras has been involved in tennis for six years and learned from her middle school tennis coach, Mr. Larry Swanson. "We were always really close, but this year has been the best because of all of our chemistry," Contreras said.

As she swings the racket, Junior Ashley Cherry leaves the ball across the court. Juniors Allison Kish and Cherry are a doubles team also for the season. So far this season they have an 8-2 record. "It's a lot of fun and I am really happy with the way the season has turned out. I only hope the best for next year," Cherry said.



During their doubles match, Senior Ashley Contreras and Junior Kelsey Barwick both go running for the fast ball. So far this season the doubles team is 9-1 and is very proud of their accomplishments. "I really did get that ball too, just so everyone knows," Barwick said about the picture.

While stretching her body to hit the ball, Senior Stephanie Donohue lifts off of the ground. Donohue has been playing tennis for 11 years, 4 of them for the Pirates. "I think varsity has been really tight this year. We all encouraged each other and really helped each other," Donohue said.





*With tennis racket in hand, Senior Kristen Hoyles sets herself up to contact the ball. The varsity tennis team has a record of 2-9 this season. "This season was the best ever. Everyone played their heart on the court and tried their best every game. We all got along and always had a lot of fun," Hoyles said.*

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*Senior Kristen Hoyles*

# Girls, Nets and Rackets

## girls' varsity

tennis

1	Highland	4
3	Lowell	2
5	Hobart	0
2	Lake Central	3
1	Crown Point	4
0	Michigan City	5
2	LaPorte	3
5	Wheeler	0
2	Valparaiso	3
2	Portage	3
1	Cheristerton	4
HOME		VISITOR

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Kelsey Barrick

### Most Improved

Allison Kish

### Sportsmanship

Stephanie Donohue

### Leadership

Ashley Contreras





Freshman Mike Mahood chips the ball onto the green. "Mike has done a lot better. At the beginning of the year he was shooting in the 60s. Now he's shooting in the 50s. I'm really impressed," his teammate and coach Matt Neese said.



Sophomore Francis Martisovic watches his drive soar onto the fairway. Martisovic has played golf for the past ten years. "It's better than most sports. You get to go outside and win different every match," Martisovic said.



Junior Matt Neese tees off driving the ball towards the green. "I take it serious, but I don't take it as serious as a lot of the other kids. Most kids we play against are really good. We're in a really good conference so it's kind of hard to go against them and beat them," Neese said.



# Teeing Off

"This has been a very good year. We experienced a little success and the kids had fun."

*Coach David Hinkel*



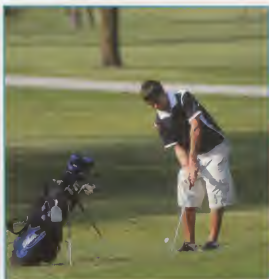
Junior Steve Carniello hits the ball down the fairway at Cedar Creek Golf Course, their home course. "More practice this year before and after the season helped us improve," Carniello said. "This season went better than last year," Carniello said. With the lack of seniors on the team, the team only has room to grow. "We're going to be stronger next year because we won't lose anybody," Carniello said.

Frankie flies into the air as Sophomore Francis Martisovic chips his ball onto the green. "Frankie's one of the leaders in score average and very competitive," Coach Dave Hinkel said. This year's season went very well. "I'm happy how the season turned out," Martisovic said. "We got more wins this season than the past three years combined."

Making contact with the ball Junior Steve Carniello continues his swing. "Steve is a natural competitor and a good leader," Coach Dave Hinkel said. "Being consistent match to match is the hardest part," Carniello said. "The best part is getting to play for free."

## boys' varsity golf

211	Lake Central	150
211	LaPorte	171
214	Lowell	174
186	Spone Grove	158
186	South Central	158
176	Chesterton	158
176	York	159
188	Michigan City	153
186	Crown Point	165
179	Whisper	186
179	Bishop Noll	195
189	Ellettsville	159
198	Lowell	199
198	Wheeler	204
181	Porter	174
188	Champaign	166
198	Kankakee Valley	193
179	Rosevelt	216
198	Hammond Clark	210
204	Chesterton	150
204	Valparaiso	156
209	Lafayette	158
209	Michigan City	163
180	Lake Central	153
180	Crown Point	162
8th Place	DAC	
HOME		VISITOR



Sophomore Steven Craque concentrates as he puts his ball from the fringe onto the green. Craque has been on the team for two years and has contributed to their improvement. "This has been a very good year. We experienced a little success and the kids had fun," Coach Dave Hinkel said.

Freshman Malik Muhammad puts his ball from the fringe. Muhammad has been playing golf since he was eight years old. He was encouraged by his father to join the team. "Malik is a freshman who's had great improvement over the year and could be a leader of Merrillville golf in the future," Coach Dave Hinkel said.

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Frankie Martisovic

### Most Improved

Malik Muhammad

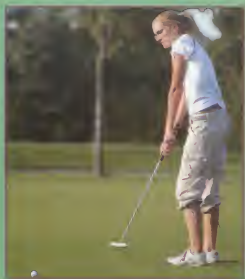
### Sportsmanship

Matt Neese

### Leadership

Steve Carniello





Sternball in her upright stance. Kari Mueck goes for the put. The thing that Kari likes about playing golf is that "I know the sun is the fresh air and it's a lot smaller than most other sports." Mueck said Mueck even aged this season at around a score of 60.



While Alex Mueck and Kari Mueck Senior Alex Mueck makes a put. The thing that Kari likes about playing golf is that it is the only sport that you can have a friendly conversation with an opponent and get snacks in the same time. Mueck said. Throughout the year the team has become closer and they have the ability to get along now. Coach Dave Hinkel said.



With golf still still in her mind Kari Mueck stands still in position to watch her ball. To prepare herself better for a match we usually have pop balls and we also stretch." Mueck said.



## From Practice to Putting

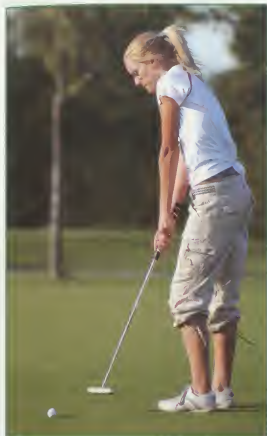
"Throughout the year, the team has become closer and they have the ability to get along now."

Coach Dave Hinkel



Two volleyball injuries that required surgery didn't keep Junior Kelly Sarfield off the links in other sports. She competed on the girls' Golf team and said she hopes to keep working hard and stay on the Varsity team for next season. "I look up to Alexis Connelly because she always has a positive attitude and can always make everything better," Sarfield said of her role models on the team.

"I decided to play golf to follow in my brother's tracks," junior Erin Marek said. With lots of other competing schools Marek said, "I played best at the home matches." She has played girls' Golf for three years. Just like the rest of the team, she has shown a lot of improvement throughout the season, Coach Hunkel said.



"I don't like having to prepare for tournaments," Junior Kelly Sarsfield said. "It takes hours of practice and we work on mostly our weaknesses and we play a few holes, but I like golf because I can meet new people," Sarsfield said. The highlight of the girls' golf season was finishing fourth at sectionals where Sarsfield and the other golfers finished ahead of many of the teams that they had defeated in previous matches.



As a new addition to the girls' Golf Team, Junior Kelly Sarsfield hopes to gain leadership for the girls' next season. She demonstrates her skills as she prepares herself for the swing. Kelly averaged a 53 for the season.



Senior Jessica Myren gazes as the ball flies farther into the open golf course. "My aunt bought me golf clubs when I was younger, and I figured that I have them for something I might as well use them," Myren said. Myren has been competing for the girls' Golf Team for four years now and was appointed captain for this year's season.

## girls' varsity golf

	Tri-meet	
234	Hanover Central	264
234	Lowell	212
	KV Invite	9th
	Tri-meet	
226	Boone Grove	210
226	Andean	231
219	Rennselaer Central	188
	DAC Invite	8th
218	Wheeler	212
218	Hobart	200
260	Michigan City	229
240	Munster	196
239	Valparaiso	194
240	Lake Central	182
266	Crown Point	188
249	Portage	208
244	LaPorte	208
228	Chesterton	180
222	Bishop Noll	DNF
	Sectionals	4th
MHS		Opponent

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Alexis Connelly

### Most Improved

Sarah Martin

### Sportsmanship

Erin Marek

### Leadership

Jessica Myren



# Nothing But Net



Doing a cross-over, Sophomore Darius Stevens assists an open teammate to pass the ball. "I feel like our team's biggest accomplishment this year was finally playing as a team towards the end of the year," Stevens said.



Driving to the basket, Senior Anthony Patton attempts to score. Patton has been the starting point guard for the past three years. "Although I haven't decided what school I want to play at, I still can't wait to play in college," Patton said.



Leading the way, Senior Jonathan Lee tries to pass the ball to score. "I loved ending Chesterton's winning streak this year and I was playing with the team next year," Lee said.

"I think the team's biggest accomplishment this year was being ranked tenth in the state during the big win streak."

Junior Jonathan Nwannunu



"The team's biggest accomplishment was when we beat Chesterton, although they were ranked number one in the state," Senior Aireus Stevenson said. In the fall, Stevenson will be attending Davidson College and playing the position of shooting guard.



"I think the team's biggest accomplishment this year was being ranked tenth in the state during the big win streak," Junior Jonathan Nwanunu said. Nwanunu jumps at the tip-off during the game against Michigan City. Nwanunu is hoping to attend The University of Southern California when he finishes high school.



"I was real excited when we beat Chesterton this year, and it is something that I'll always remember," Senior Joseph White said. White attempts to score a basket during the Highland game.



In an attempt to keep the other team from shooting the ball, Senior Mario Stapleton plays defense. "I haven't decided on what school I want to attend next year, but I am definitely planning on playing," Stapleton said.



## boys varsity basketball

70	Lebanon	46
63	Highland	51
54	Chesterton	67
61	LaPorte	60
85	Andean	45
53	Michigan City	54
51	Lake Central	48
53	Valparaiso	33
52	Crown Point	42
60	Portage	59
67	LaPorte	52
55	Lake Central	41
50	Michigan City	46
64	Lowell	44
45	Crown Point	56
46	Munster	49
60	Chesterton	54
57	Valparaiso	36
78	Hobart	29
65	Portage	44
	Sectionals	
62	Chesterton	76
HOME		VISITOR

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Mario Stapleton

### Most Improved

Dolapo McCarthy

### Sportsmanship

Joseph White

"My favorite memory from this season was dunking on Jarret Jones, who plays for Michigan City," Junior Dolapo McCarthy said. McCarthy has been playing for seven years and plans on attending Indiana University when he finishes high school.





Pushing points in this scoreboard September Point Guard and Seven Guard Beyanra Doores shoots 20th overs jump shot. The Pirates were looking forward to shooting against a team that shot 7/11 however, ended the game with a loss of 60-68.



Defying the ball just Lake Central's Kaley Marcinak 340 Junior Forward Tierra Turner said she isn't worried about their team next year. "The seniors were our leaders. Now the underclassmen have to fill their shoes," Turner said.



Shooting a jump shot Freshman forward Nihanea Stubbs 112 uses height to get over Lake Central's Kaitlyn Sandrick 11. "We really got a lot from the seniors next year. We're losing our point guard. Curry who was a great role player. Despres who was a good defender and Penate who guards had a part in changing the game. We'll play the game," Stubbs said.



Closely observing her players, Head Coach Amy Govert watches the game against Lake Central. Coach Govert has coached the Pirates for eight years, three years as head coach, and she will continue coaching next year. "We had a great season this year. This is the best team I have coached since I've been here. We had 17 wins and 5 losses; however, we came very close in all our games losing two games by 2 points and one game by 1 point," Coach Govert said.

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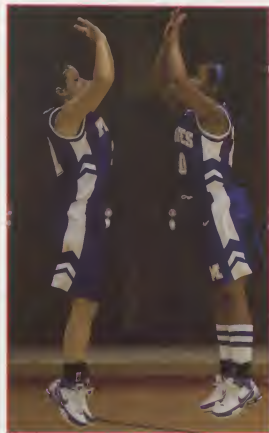
**Taking it to the Hoop**



Outrunning Lake Central's Carolyn Sandrick (11), Senior Point Guard Britney Cruse (15) scores on a fast break lay-up. After being the point guard of the team for her four years of high school, Cruse said she feels comfortable passing down her position to Sophomore Latoi Mottweather.



"Teamwork is the key in basketball because everyone supports each other," Senior Forward and Guard Despina Lozowski (21) said. Senior Damita Thomas (20) and Lozowski motivate each other during the lineup.



Starting off the game, Senior Guard Britney Curry (23) goes head on against the Portage Indians, winning the tip off. "We were looking for revenge against Portage because we lost to them in sectionals the year before," Curry said. The Pirates lost the game, 48-46.



Looking for her passing options on the court, Senior Damita Thomas (20) searches for an outside pass around Lake Central's player; Thomas said the Pirates had a good overall season, but they felt cut-short in the second round of sectionals. The Pirates lost to Michigan City, 77-73.

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Britney Cruse

### Most Improved

Damita Thomas

### Sportsmanship

Despina Lozowski

### Leadership

Britney Curry

## basketball

58	Highland	50
79	Andrian'	42
56	Valparaiso	53
84	East Chicago Central	57
46	Portage	48
61	Chesterton	49
52	LaPorte	93
82	Michigan City	85
57	Lake Central	54
72	Munster	49
51	Valparaiso	54
62	Crown Point	38
62	Portage	69
69	Lowell	54
74	LaPorte	35
47	Hobart	33
57	Lake Central	42
63	Chesterton	53
62	Michigan City	56
63	Crown Point	40
	Sectionals	
56	Portage	46
75	Michigan City	77
HOME		VISITOR





Distance swimmer junior Nicholas Wolak pivots the 30 free style event. "I like distance in that it challenges both your body and mind and you have to be able to push yourself to the finish," Wolak said. With one more year to swim in high school, Wolak is still deciding whether he will pursue swimming in college.



In the individual medley, Sophomore Colin Burke swims the butterfly stroke and takes fourth place. "This is my second year swimming with the high school and I'm not planning to stop anytime soon," Burke said. Burke finished in the top 6 in the 100 backstroke at sectionals.



Swimming in the 30 medley relay is Freshman Jacob Caddick. "I've been swimming for a long time for MAC, and as soon as I got to the high school, I became a varsity alternate breaststroker," Caddick said. After taking eighth place at sectionals, Caddick plans to return as the varsity breaststroker.

While swimming in the 50 freestyle relay, Sophomore Anthony Corrales pushes himself to close the gap between him and the first place swimmer. "I've been swimming for a while and I like it. It keeps me active and fit. It's also a good way to meet new people and friends," Corrales said. Although Corrales and his team did not win this race, he looks forward to another good season in 2010.

Competing in the 50 freestyle at the Crown Point dual meet, team captain Jacob Pavel finishes second, losing to a Crown Point swimmer by only one hundredth of a second. "It's a real rush. I always give it my best and I may not come up with a cap every time, but that just means I have something to work for," Pavel said. Finishing in the top eight in sectionals, Pavel will return next year with high expectations.



As one of the elite swimmers in his event, Senior Ryan Marsh takes a deep breath and stretches to finish in first place in the 100 breaststroke against Crown Point. "Even though I might have finished first at Crown Point, there are still other swimmers that I hope that I can beat during sectionals," Marsh said. Finishing first in the consolation finals at sectionals, Marsh had scored an overall seventh place to take his spot on the podium.



Making an entry on his back one and one half somersault, Sophomore Juan Rivera finishes his dive at the Crown Point dual meet. "I've been diving for two years now and I feel like I've improved a lot over those two years. I plan on coming back next year and maybe setting myself up to break 20, which isn't that easy," Rivera said. He finished short of the sectional championship round.



# Making a Splash

*"I may not come up with a win every time,  
but that just means  
I have something to work for."  
Junior Jacob Pavel*



*With near perfect execution on his back dive, Freshman Daven Blaylock finishes fourth place at Crown Point. "This is my first year diving and I've been doing okay. I didn't really expect to just come out here and win meets left and right, I knew I was going to have to work up to it," Blaylock said. Although Blaylock did not qualify for sectionals as an individual, he was added as an alternate and plans to move up in ranking his next few years diving.*

## boys varsity swimming

73	Portage	113
80	Rensselaer	104
61	Lake Central	126
110	Highland	75
110	Hobart	75
78	Crown Point	75
62	Whiting	65
62	Valparaiso	65
141	Ellettsville	66.5
117.5	Kankakee Valley	117.5
105	Michigan City	78
66	Leeds	115
113	Marion	115
65	Wesley	115
78	Crandon	115
13	DAC	115
8th of 20	Sectionals	115
	Diving Prelims	115
HOME		VISITORS

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Jacob Pavel

### Most Improved

Benjamin Kepchar

### Sportsmanship

Brian Casady

### Leadership

Ryan Marsh





Pushing herself to perfect her freestyle stroke, Senior Kayla Meloy swims her best. Meloy placed sixth in the 50 yard freestyle at sectionals. "We have a thin jacket this season was all of the blisters and hangouts with the team," Meloy said.



During the 50 yard freestyle, Junior Michelle Ross takes a quick breath. Ross placed third along with teammates Seniors Karen Balko, Sarah Yacko, and Kendall Sharp in the 200 yard freestyle relay at sectionals. Ross was one of three captains of the girls varsity team along with Balko and Yacko. "I'm going to miss the seniors next year. The team won't be the same without them," Ross said.



As she swims in the freestyle event, Junior Kirsten Kehavchik tells her head to take a breath of air. Kehavchik swam the butterfly leg of the 300 yard medley relay which placed seventh at sectionals. "I think about the swim I want, and try not to get too nervous," Kehavchik said about preparing for her event.

# Splash of Success

"Our season was very successful.

All of the girls really stepped up and we were able to compete at a higher level."

Senior Katie Balko



A foreign exchange student from Brazil, Senior Debora Machado swims the freestyle. The Pirates placed 3rd out of 13 teams at sectionals and had a record of 10 and 5 this season. "Swimming here is totally different than in Brazil, I love how we act like a team and cheer each other on," Machado said.



As she twists her body, Senior Vanessa Alexander prepares to turn her forward dive half twist. Alexander placed ninth in the one-meter diving competition at sectionals. "I'm really happy with how the season went. We did a lot better than last year, and I'm really going to miss everyone on the team," Alexander said.



Competing in the 100 yard fly, Senior Sarah Yacko plows through the water. Yacko placed third in the 100 yard butterfly and sixth in the 200 yard freestyle at sectionals. "It has been the best in the four years I have been swimming here," Yacko said.



As Senior Katie Balko competes at the state meet in Indianapolis, she swims the 100 yard backstroke. Balko qualified for state by placing first in the 100 yard backstroke at sectionals. At state, Balko placed 25th in the 100 yard backstroke. "Our season was very successful. All of the girls really stepped up and we were able to compete at a higher level," she said. At sectionals Balko broke the school record in the 200 yard freestyle relay along with senior teammates Karen Balko, Sarah Yacko and Kendall Sharp.



Plunging into the water, Senior Karen Balko swims the breast stroke leg in the 200 yard individual medley. Balko placed 8th in the 200 yard individual medley at sectionals. Balko also broke the school record and qualified for the state meet in the 400 yard freestyle relay along with Seniors Katie Balko, Kendall Sharp and Sarah Yacko. "I love the girls on the team. We're like a little family because we get along so well," Balko said. At state the Pirates' 400 freestyle relay placed 19th.

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Katie Balko

### Most Improved

Kaitlynn Sterkowitz

### Sportsmanship

Megan Gunn

### Leadership

Michelle Ross

girls' swimming

swimming		
110	Lowell	76
47	Chesterport	139
113	Portage	73
113	Rensselaer	73
3rd of 7	LaPorte Relays	
80	Lake Central	100
72	Highland	73
72	Edwards	36
79	Concord Point	106
134	Griffith	39
82	Valparaiso	104
107	Franklin County	79
101	Franklin County	79
8th of 10	LaPorte	7
105	LaPorte	81
69	Minster	17
119	Whitaker	80
3rd of 13	Sectionals	
	State	

HOME

VISITORS





With locked arms, Sophomore Anthony Naples takes action in a Greco-Roman match. To prepare for matches, Naples said he "listens to Johnny Cash." This technique helped him advance to state, where he placed fourth. "The fans were overwhelming," Naples said.



After defeating a Crown Point opponent, the referee told Senior Jake Salas "you're in control." Being a senior definitely made it easier to win, Salas said. "It boosts your confidence." Salas has a record of 30-3 and placed fifth at individual state. "The seniors have done a great job this year motivating and talking to the others. They worked hard at what they did," Coach David Maldonado said.



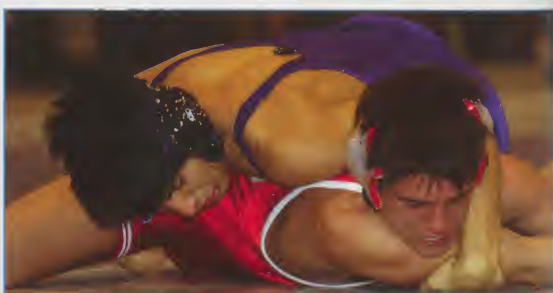
In previous years I was used to riding along on others to take us to state. But since the seniors left, it's more on my back. Senior George Neely said. Neely describes how his Crown Point opponent in an attempt to maintain offensive control at the match. "The coaches changed our life. Maldonado taught me everything and has been there for me not only teaching me about wrestling but also about life," Neely said.



Going head to head with his opponent and using the underhook, Senior Andrew Kepchar tries not to give up any big points. "This season has gone by the fastest, and it was the only one I wanted to go by slow," Kepchar said. "In past seasons we had more talent and it was rough in the beginning of the season with nine seniors leaving, but this year we wrestled better as a team," Coach David Maldonado said.



By locking his opponent on his side, Sophomore heavyweight James Travis focused on a win. "I just needed to be aggressive and listen to my coaches. I knew we needed to win this so that we could get to state," Travis said. Travis has been wrestling for two years and has a record of 27-7.



"A lot of people thought that I couldn't beat Crown Point," Sophomore Frankie Valdivia said, "but I knew that I needed to get points for the team." Valdivia uses the cross face cradle in the match against his Crown Point opponent. "I wasn't surprised about the turnout of regionals, I could tell our team was ready," Valdivia said.



Keeping hold of his opponent, Senior Carlo Martinez tightens his grasp to earn a victory. "This year I finally made it to state and placed," Martinez said. Martinez advanced to individual state, where he placed sixth. "I had fun and it was a great experience. Martinez was one of the five qualifiers for individual state, and one of the three who placed this season."





"I had to take him down and wear him out into third period," Junior Darius Richmond said. Richmond uses the sprawl to "destroy the opponent with a better record." "We're more than ready for state since we've been there before," Richmond said. "We just want to get past first round." The wrestlers won the first round and placed third. A total of 309 teams compete every year to advance to the state championship, but only eight teams actually advance. Then, only the top four teams medal. "We exceeded others expectations that ranked us 20th and ended up beating Crown Point, who was ranked fourth," Coach Maldonado said.

"The seniors have done a great job this year motivating and talking to the others. They worked hard at what they did."  
Coach David Maldonado

# Let the Bodies Hit the Floor

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Anthony Napules

### Most Improved

George Neely

### Sportmanship

Jake Salas

### Leadership

Carlo Martinez

## varsity wrestling

39	La Porte	34
63	Hammond	18
63	Chicago	15
54	Springfield	30
48	Elkhart City	25
44	Noblesville	32
38	Indianapolis	33
59	Northwest Valley	9
66	Northwood	13
78	Evansville	10
66	West Lafayette	1
43	Lafayette	24
30	Crown Point	33
27	Chesapeake	41
63	St. George's, MO	15
57	Hannibal, MO	19
22	Wetter, DE	39
30	Camel, IL	38
48	Farmington, MO	26
30	Michigan City	19
68	Lake Central	4
53	Highland	21
43	Hobart	27
30	Crown Point	Regionals
3rd	HOME	21
		Semi-State
		VISITORS







Doing a stunt called a "scorpion," Junior Katherine Sadural tries to keep her balance. "My favorite part of cheering would definitely have to be stunting," Sadural said. Sadural said she believes practicing and hard work can lead to "sticking" their lifts.



"I started cheering because I really enjoyed the performances that I watched when I was younger," Senior Katelynn Kora said. Kora does spirit fingers while awaiting a free-throw. Kora plans to attend St. Joseph's College next year and cheer on their competition squad.



Chanting on the sidelines, Sophomore Davi Lowe attempts to get the fans more involved in the game. "I've always loved cheering, and my older cousin used to cheer for Morrillville, so I would always come and watch her. I guess it was just meant to be," Lowe said.



"My favorite part of cheerleading is basketball season, but the friendships I made on the squad last a lifetime, and I love them all," Junior Kendall Bonick said. Bonick does a cheer on the sidelines of the football games to try and get the fans involved in the game.



## Varsity

Markeith Bray  
Lorne Britt  
Katelynn Kora  
Kendall Bonick  
Katherine Sadural  
Daria Arthur  
Jessica Brooks  
Jasminah Lewis  
Melissa Kynikoski  
Davi Lowe  
Lisa Pozniak  
Raelyn Harper  
Katelynn Usher

## Junior Varsity

Kendall Greene  
Daniella Grigoline  
Erin Belak  
Bianca Parris  
Deeyn Tillotson  
Makia Turner  
Dayna Young

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Markeith Bray

### Most Improved

Katelynn Usher

### Sportsmanship

Katelynn Kora

### Leadership

Kendall Bonick



With exquisite skill and grace, Junior Seion Taylor performs a standing back flip on the beam. "It was soon learning to flip on the beam at first, but once I got the hang of it, it was just natural," Taylor said.



With fellow athletes looking on, freshman Heather Brown competes on bars to finish the meet. "High school gymnastics is something I was looking forward to, but now that I'm here, I'm wishing to go back to old times. I knew it would be tough, but it is much harder than I expected," Brown said.



Snapping her dismount and Senior Hannah Watkins smiles as she judges after completing her bars routine. "It's always a great experience when you know that you've done well. Every time I go into an event, I think about my mom and how I do well," Watkins said.



# Not Just Tumbling

"Gymnastics is one of those sports that test your body and mind."

Junior Tiffany Leicht



Landing with extended arms, Junior Taryn Woods performs a back handspring on beam. "I love the sport and the coaches are amazing. They always seem to have some kind of inspirational saying to get us all motivated," Woods said. Along with her school work, Woods participates in the gymnastics program year-round.

As she takes a deep breath in preparation, Junior Tiffany Leicht concentrates on executing her front support into a handstand. "Bars may be one of the hardest events in gymnastics, but to me, it just comes easy. Gymnastics is one of those sports that test your body and mind," Leicht said. Leicht has been in gymnastics since she was four years old and is still improving on her skills over the years.



*In full concentration, Senior Courtney Denney gets ready for her tumbling pass during her floor routine. "Floor is a really tough event. But when you get to create your own routine and your moves that you put in it, it just becomes that much easier," Denney said.*

*Tremendous flexibility is what it takes to execute a straddle mount like Junior Danielle Bly. "I love competing and the thrill of winning. The coaches are always there to push us and drive us to be better at what we do so that we are able to win," Bly said. With the coaches' help, Bly looks to increase her skills and hopes to make state next year.*

## varsity **gymnastics**

99.65	Michigan city	87.20
106.25	Adelphi	82.60
107.75	Hogbin	94.10
106.225	Laini-residual	89.425
106.00	Laporte	102.15
104.00	Madage	95.975
108.775	Overstated	107.775
107.75	Charm Point	111.675
106.25	Valparaiso	113.80
4th of 13	Concordia Classic	
1st of 8	Pirate Pride Invite	
2nd of 13	Lafayette Invite	
3rd of 8	DAC	
5th	Sectionals	
HOME		VISITOR

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Danielle Bly

### Most Improved

Valerie Bly

### Best Mental Attitude

Arien Taylor

### Leadership

Hannah Watkins

*Taking her final step and leaping for the vault, Senior Samone Kinsey reaches out in support to execute her twist. "Gymnastics is really hard. Everyone thinks it's so easy but to the girls that practice year-round, we find it more than just hard. It's an everyday challenge," Kinsey said. As a senior, Kinsey looks to compete in college and hopes that someday, she makes it to the Olympics.*



## A female athlete in a black leotard is captured in a dynamic pose, possibly a dance or gymnastic move, on a stage. She is wearing a black leotard with a cutout at the waist. The background shows a red curtain and a banner with the word "PO" visible.



A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a bright yellow tracksuit with a black waistband and white polka dots, is posing in a dance studio. She is smiling and has her hands on her hips. The background shows wooden bleachers and a wooden floor.





## varsity & JV dance team

"Competition season is my favorite part of the year because it brings us closer," Senior Marianthi Dalis said. As the graduating class of 2008 poses for a picture, the seniors prepare to perform their varsity Pom routine during half-time of Senior Night.

Competition	Score	Place
Munster		
Elite Pom	68.07	4th
Elite Hip Hop	65.57	2nd
JV Pom	66.73	5th
Portage		
Elite Pom	86.60	2nd
Elite Hip Hop	78.77	2nd
Lg Ensemble	74.10	2nd
JV Pom	69.83	3rd
Lake Central		
Elite Pom	84.20	2nd
Elite Hip Hop	73.43	3rd
Lg Ensemble	76.85	2nd
JV Pom	72.57	3rd
Northern Regional		
Elite Pom	79.67	2nd
Elite Hip Hop	81.70	2nd
Lg Ensemble	64.80	6th
JV Pom	71.80	1st
State Team		
Elite Pom	82.20	6th
Elite Hip Hop	86.82	3rd
JV Pom	72.56	6th
State Ensemble		
Lg Ensemble	78.82	3rd

With pom poms in her hands, Pom Captain Senior Marianthi Dalis performs the varsity routine. When other teams pay hundreds of dollars for choreographers, Ms. Melissa Volkman choreographs the varsity routine to stand out. "Compared to all the other schools, our routine stood out the best and we placed really well this year," Dalis said.



Executing a stag leap, Freshman Victoria Smith and Junior Kiara Patterson perform their Junior Varsity Pom routine. For all of the JV members, this season was the first time they had ever experienced competitions before. Freshman Chelsea Campbell felt that "the team was like a family." Not only were the members of JV new but their coach, Ronisha Dillon, was also a new face. "Ronisha made everything a lot easier and understood how much work had to be put into the team," Varsity Coach Melissa Volkman said.

### Standouts

#### Most Valuable

Stephanie Hart

#### Most Dedicated

Markella Papanihilakis

#### Leadership

Marianthi Dalis



Praying at UDA Nationals, the Varsity Dance Team waits to perform their routine. "It's not every day you get to go to Florida and perform in front of the nation," Senior Lisa Sternberg said. Taking first place at camp qualified the Varsity team for Nationals, where the best teams from every state travel to Orlando, Florida to compete. "Our competitors were fierce, and the level of competition was greater than our regular competitions," Sternberg said.

Because this was their last year, they wanted to give the crowd something new to see. Seniors Jessica Punnea, Gabriela Miller, Marianthi Dalis, Junior Stephanie Hart, Seniors Shyanexa Wiley, Lisa Sternberg and Kiara Wills perform their Hip Hop/Lyrical ensemble. "Ensembles are a lot harder because you dance in a small group where everyone can be seen," Wiley said. In the end, the girls placed third of ten ensembles at State. "I ended up liking it more than any other routine," Wills said.



*"To make the cut, Senior Ryan Hobbs throws the ball to first base. I remember one of the first games, I tripped over the mound and planted my face in the dirt. It ended up being my first career of the year," Hobbs said. Hobbs will attend South Suburban or Valparaiso University to play next year.*



*"My favorite next year is to be better than I did this year and have a great season," Sophomore Michael McNeil said. McNeil throws a fastball during the home game against Johnston.*



*"My favorite memory from this season was when our team became Division District Champions and Campion awarded the division trophy just for a ball.*



*"Next year, I'm hoping to work hard, have a winning record, and win the D&C and sectionals," Junior Donald Cox said. Making a play at third base, Cox attempts to get the out. "Of course I have professional dreams," Cox said.*

*Laughing with the coach while on first base, Senior Patrick Nawracaj awaits the next play. "Since the beginning of the year, I think we have improved a lot defensively, and I can't wait to see what happens with the rest of the season," Nawracaj said.*



*In an attempt to earn the save, Senior Douglas Domikaitis pitches in relief. "My favorite memory this year was when we beat Boone Grove," Domikaitis said.*



*Following through after a hit, Senior Dustin Blaylock watches the ball as it goes into the outfield. "We have definitely improved from the beginning of the year, which makes the experience even better," Blaylock said. Blaylock will attend Purdue North Central where he will continue playing baseball.*

# In the Swing of Things

"Since the beginning of the year, I think we have improved a lot defensively."

Senior Patrick Nawracaj



Swinging to get a hit is Sophomore Kevin Schroeder. "This season was great because we started off kind of slow, but with every game the team gets better and better," Schroeder said. Schroeder is planning to play next year as a junior.

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Ryan Halbe

### Most Improved

Mark Bobowsky

### Sportsmanship

Patrick Nawracaj

### Leadership

Douglas Domikaitis

## boys' diversity baseball

2	Hobart	6
1	Griffith	2
1	Boone Grove	7
7	Hammond Morton	12
5	Hammond Morton	9
0	Crown Point	9
3	Michigan City	11
1	LaPorte	10
0	Chesterton	15
9	Valparaiso	10
2	Portage	3
3	Lake Central	12
0	Chopin Point	9
3	Lafayette	0
1	Michigan City	7
0	LaPorte	10
4	Chesterton	9
3	Valparaiso	6
7	Portage	3
0	Lake Central	3
1	West Lafayette	9
6	West Lafayette	7
8	Highland	3
1	Andean	9
1	Bishop Noll	2
7	Munster	13
	Sectionals	
8	Chesterton	16
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# Making the out

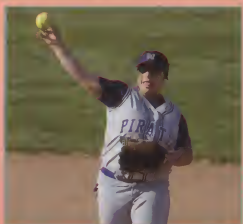
*"We have a lot of young players with potential. We just need to keep up our hard work."*  
Sophomore Lindsey Mitchell



Setting up for the double play, Freshman Gabriela Ponce jumps out of the way of the runner and throws to first to make the double play. It's a rush at shortstop. There's just so much that goes on and most of the balls are hit my way," Ponce said. "I've always lived for baseball. But since I got to high school, I had to switch to softball. It doesn't bother me because the base is the same and I just love the game," Ponce added.



Running backwards and catching a pop fly over her shoulder, Junior Sarah Williams tries to avoid crashing into her fellow teammate. "The coaches are awesome. They have their ways to motivate us. Their pep talks get us hyped and ready to play," Williams said.



Fielding a ground ball at second base, Junior Jennifer Cradley throws to first base to get the runner out. "I like how our girls work together and everyone strives to be better," Cradley said.



Laying down the tag at home, Sophomore Kaitlynn Sterkowitz blocks the plate to stop the runner from scoring. "I've played since I was nine, and I have always been a catcher. It's just where I feel most comfortable," Sterkowitz said. Sterkowitz plans to attend a Division One college where she will continue to play softball as a catcher. "I really want to go to either Texas or DePaul because they have really good softball programs, and I think I'd be a big asset to the team," Sterkowitz said.



Trying to calm her players, Coach Carolina Procter calls an infield timeout. "We're going to continue to practice really hard to get ready for sectionals. We just need to work on being comfortable on the field and knowing what to do," Coach Procter said.

Following a ball hit into the outfield, Sophomore Sarah Mason breaks down to make a play. "I like being in the outfield. It's just fun diving and catching pop-ups," Mason said. Mason plans to play softball in college, but she is undecided on where she plans to attend.

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Lindsey Mitchell

### Most Improved

Toi Merriweather

### Sportsmanship

Jennifer Crawley

### Leadership

Natalie Riechers



## girls' softball

0	Hammond Gavit	2
1	Lowell	13
0	Griffith	16
0	Bishop Noll	3
0	Portage	10
2	Hebron	4
0	Lake Central	10
6	Lafayette Jefferson	3
0	Brandywine	5
0	Penn	10
0	Crown Point	13
2	Michigan City	10
0	LaPorte	10
3	Chesterton	15
0	Valparaiso	7
1	Kankakee Valley	11
3	Kankakee Valley	11
0	Portage	8
0	Lake Central	12
2	Crown Point	8
1	Michigan City	6
0	LaPorte	18
1	Pioneer	3
5	Maconaquah	13
5	Twin Lakes	8
0	Chesterton	10
2	Valparaiso	10
0	Boone Grove	12
0	Sectionals	
0	Crown Point	12
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At the center of the diamond, Sophomore Lindsey Mitchell pitches every game as a starter. "We're working to be better next year. We have a lot of young players with potential, and just need to keep up our hard work," Mitchell said. As a sophomore, Mitchell has 20 complete games and a total of 71 strikeouts. She said she plans to attend Ohio State when she graduates, where she will try out as a pitcher.



Watching patiently as her team is at bat, Freshman Jordann Mathys relaxes between field innings with her teammates. "The girls are fun to be with. We all support each other. Whenever someone has a question, one of the girls is there to help," Mathys said. Mathys has played for ten years and has been around the field in multiple fielding positions, but still prefers pitching. "I like having control of the game and how it flows," Mathys said.



Don't lose your vision, being an athlete. Track Coach John Thomas, the coach of the boys' and girls' teams, says, "You have to be a good person."

The 2000 season was a successful one for the boys' team. They won the state championship in the 4x100 relay. The girls' team also had a successful season, winning the state championship in the 4x100 relay. The boys' team also won the state championship in the 4x100 relay. The girls' team also won the state championship in the 4x100 relay.



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"I really like track. I think that it's a good way to stay in shape and a good way to get training for the army," Senior Marvin Hearn said. Hearn prepares to come off of a block start. Hearn has been a track member for two years and plans to compete in college. "I want to do track in college because I will be able to compete on a higher level," Hearn said. Hearn also thinks winning as a team is important. "The best part about track is winning as a team overall," Hearn said.

# Racing Towards the Finish

"The best part about track is winning as a team overall."  
Senior Marvin Hearn





While in the air, Junior Harold Turner long jumps. Turner joined the Track Team to be with friends. "I joined the Track Team because some of my friends were on it. I joined for fun basically," Turner said. Turner has been on the Track Team since eighth grade and plans to pursue track in college. "I want to further my track career," Turner said. Turner's favorite event in track is the long jump. "I like the long jump. It's my best event," Turner said.

Pole vaulting would probably have to be my favorite activity in track. You get a rush like nothing else you can get from any other sport in the school," Junior Kyle Roark said. Roark goes over the cross bar. Roark has been on the Track Team for two years and plans to pursue pole vaulting in college. Roark joined the team after he quit playing baseball. "I wanted to play another sport, so I joined the Track Team," Roark said. Track also keeps Roark around his friends. "The best part about being on the Track Team is that I see my friends every single day," Roark said.



Running with a baton in his hand, Senior Gabriel Pirtle anchors a 4x4. Pirtle has been on the Track Team since he was a sophomore and plans to stay on it to improve his speed for another sport. "I joined the Track Team because I was a slow runner, and I wanted to get faster for football," Pirtle said. Although Pirtle is on the team, the running isn't his favorite part of track. "I like the swimming part of track. I like it even better than running. It's just fun," Pirtle said. Pirtle also plans to be on the Track Team at Purdue West Lafayette.



In the air, Junior Keith Padish vaults over the cross bar. Padish has been on the Track Team since freshman year and plans to continue in college. "I want to do track in college. Hopefully, I can get a scholarship," Padish said. Padish said he joined the Track Team to make sure that he would be a varsity athlete. "The best part about being on the Track Team is being able to set personal goals for myself," Padish said.

## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Gabriel Pirtle

### Most Improved

Jeff Releford

### Sportsmanship

Quinn Roberts

### Leadership

RonNeal Williams

## boys' track

77	Valparaiso	41
97	Crown Point	35
97	Lake Central	35
1st of 11	West Lafayette Relays	
106	Morgan City	26
97	Portage	35
1st of 7	Delphi Invite	
107	Chesterton	25
99	LaPorte	37
1st of 8	DAC Meet	
1st of 12	Sectional	
1st of 41	Regional	
	State	

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Participating in the 100-meter hurdles over Junior Melissa Warren clears a hurdle. Warren has been on the Track Team for three years. "It's a more relaxed sport. You do what you need for your event," Warren said.



Taking the baton home Junior Tami Simpson. Senior Britney Nichole Curry starts her segment of 4x400-meter relay. The team placed first in this event at the meet with Crown Point and Lake Central. Curry has been on the Track Team for three years.



"Just finish, just finish." Freshman Danyella Carbajal thanks to herself as she wins the 400-meter 400m Dash. Carbajal's first year on the Track Team. "The best part is getting to know new people and just being with everybody," Carbajal said.



Jumping onto the air for her long jump event is Junior Rebecca Neville. Neville has been participating in track since she was five years old and was the Most Valuable Player for the Dundald Athletic Conference this year. "The best part is getting to meet new people that you wouldn't talk to if it wasn't for sports," Neville said.



Focusing on the finish, Freshman Taishe Abrams runs in the 4x400-meter relay. "You have to want it, just focus on your technique and go for first," Abrams said. The team placed third at the Dundald Athletic Conference meet.



Leaping into second place, Freshman Ashley Jamerson competes in the high jump event. "The best part is being part of a group, staying in shape and the competition. It's fun to measure yourself against others," Jamerson said. Jamerson has been participating in track since the sixth grade and has jumped as high as 5'11".



Keeping her eyes on the prize, Junior Arlen Taylor pushes to finish the race. "I have to run my part for the team. I can't just focus on myself," Taylor said. "The best part is all the hard work, and when we do well, it's really rewarding," Taylor said.





Holding the baton, Junior Cristan Washington begins her run in the 4x400-meter relay. "It takes hard work, dedication and passion to be on the team. If you don't have passion, you'll be slacking," Washington said.

# Staying on Track

"I have to run my part for the team.

I can't just focus on myself."

Junior Arien Taylor

girls track

57	Valparaiso	75
58	Crown Point	80
59	Lake Central	97
5th of 10	West Lafayette Relays	
71	Michigan City	60
69	Portage	62
2nd place	Ohio Invite	
51	Westerton	81
76	Portia	19
2nd place	West. Mich.	
2nd of 27	Sectionals	
9th of 27	Regionals	

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## Standouts

### Most Valuable

Rebecca Neville

### Most Improved

Danice Carbajal

### Sportsmanship

Kate Tarr

### Leadership

Cristan Washington





Pursuing an interest in the saxophone, Junior Joshua Stacker participates in the band's Winter Concert.



Acting out a scene in the Drama Department's spring musical, "Footloose", are Sophomore Unique Jeter and Juniors Ronald Moore Jr. and Aaron Curtis. They portray the characters of Ariel Moore, Lyle and Travis in the musical.

# Advocating Arts

Choosing to belt out the chorus of "I Need A Hero" from Footloose, pizz the strings of a cello in the Orchestra's Christmas concert or mold a soggy lump of clay into a beautiful vase during Ceramics class are just a few of the ways that students choose to explore their artistic sides during and outside of school. Advocating art throughout the campus brings together students of all types of all backgrounds to support one united cause in a plethora of ways. "The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance." — Aristotle

Winning performance, junior Matthew McLendon puts out his version of "The Harry Tee." "I like to make people smile," McLendon said. "The best summer was making fun of Pets and the Musical."



To make up the summer and on a good note, PNY and members Service, Michelle, Heather, Kaitlyn, Kinsey, Charne, Tasha, Jody, King and Junior, Darius, Serwade, perform the PNY's 100 Jells. "It was hard at first, but only about two weeks to rehearse. Coach Fairbairn's help made it a lot easier," Serwade said. "It was definitely fun and memorable."

## Revue & Lip Sync

Coming out and showing his talent at the 2008 Revue, new teacher Mr. Jacob Stafford performs "Creep" by Radiohead. "I had five songs to choose from, but I let Mrs. James pick and she chose 'Creep,'" Stafford said. "Psyched about next year's Revue," Stafford added, "I already got something in the works."



Winners of the best musical performance, junior Tedrick Clark and senior Daven Walker sing and rap to "Right My Wrong: What's up," two songs written by both Clark and Walker. "It started off as a crowd-hyping song, then converted into a love song," Clark said. "I plan on doing this next year, but I just need to find a partner with the same chemistry as me and Daven," Clark added.





*During the lip syncs, Junior Joseph Nelson, Seniors Nicholas Diehl, Michael Martin and Robert Wright, and Junior Christian Beezhold, perform "If You Wanna Be My Lover" by the Spice Girls. "We all came up with the choreography. We thought of different things and worked as girls as we could," Wright said. "We wanted to do something funny that everyone could remember and would stand out." For Nelson, it was the "prize money."*



# Performing Arts



*Stretching the lip sync act this year, Ms. Nick Alexander performed "Baby Got Back" by the Spice Girls and Seniors Alexandria Mylenchuk and Junior Tyler Roark performed "You're the One That I Want" by the Bee Gees. "I'm going to do all the things I can," said Ms. Nick. "I'm definitely looking forward to the next year in Lip Sync."*

**Lip Sync** (lip-sing) verb — To move the lips in synchronization with recorded speech or song.

That's what lip sync means in terms of dictionary definitions. At Merrillville, it's a chance for students to have fun and be someone totally different for a few minutes. Students can choose any song from "You're the One That I Want" from "Grease" to "Baby Got Back" to "Hey Mickey."

Senior Katelynn Kora and Junior Tyler Roark did their own rendition of the final song from the musical "Grease," "You're the One That I Want."

"We really got into it and I felt like we portrayed "Grease" well," Kora said.

The most talked about act of the night featured five football players

dressed up as girls. Senior Nicholas Alexander, Diehl, Junior Joseph Nelson, Senior Robert Arthur Wright, Junior Christian Beezhold and Senior Michael Joseph Martin performed their own version of "Wannabe" by the Spice Girls.

"The judges said that Coach Wells would be proud," Diehl said.

Diehl gives his own advice to kids wanting to try out next year:

"Don't be afraid to try something new and different," he said.

**Rising Talent**

**Revue** (ri-vyoo) noun — An often satirical musical show consisting of skits, songs and dances.

Sixteen acts made it into the 2008 show to show off their talents for the school.

Senior Cody Stewart has been in the Revue for the past three years, performing his juggling act.

"It was just different and a lot of people don't juggle," Stewart said.

Sophomore Matthew McLindon, one of the winners, performed a comedy act.

"I just like to make people laugh," McLindon said. "I practiced in the shower [to prepare]."

Stewart also gives advice to those looking to try out next year.

"Just try your best, and if you don't make it, don't get discouraged," Stewart said.





For the past ~~several~~ years, Senior Michael Fisch has been involved in the band. "My favorite memory would have to be when we all had a water balloon fight with Mr. Myers," Fisch said. "I love all the people in band and all the people I meet throughout the years."



# Performing Arts

There are quite a few new faces at Merrillville High School this year, including band director Mr. Mark Danielson. With 25 years experience, Mr. Danielson has brought a whole new energy to band. He has taught at Mount Carmel High School in Chicago, Bishop Noll Institute in Hammond and Saint Francis deSales High School in Chicago.

"Mr. Danielson is very energetic and efficient," Senior Benjamin Tapper said. "I think he'll be a good change for us this year."

Besides the marching band, there is the Concert Band, the Symphonic Band, and the Wind Ensemble. The Concert and Symphonic Bands consist mostly of underclassmen. Students are divided into the different groups based on auditions. The

concert band, because of a decreased amount of members, was unable to compete in the same categories as previous years.

Some of the other bands participate in competitions and performances such as the Indiana State School Music Association.

"In order to keep up with the group we need to be extremely dedicated," Tapper said.

Several members are also involved in the Jazz Band or take lessons privately on their own time.



"Our main goal this year was to see how the band played, worked with the new section and the band," clarinet player ~~Senior~~ ~~Junior~~ Wright stated. Wright has been a ~~member~~ in the band for seven years. "My favorite memory was when I lived in Alabama and we had a battle of the bands during football games last time," Wright added.

## Takes Dedication



To enhance the crowd during halftime, band members perform a variety of choreographed routines. "It is a good feeling knowing all the effort we put in during practicing can be shown and appreciated by a huge audience," alto-saxophone player Christine Kestin Carumba said.



During the Lubbock game, Senior Jasmine Youngblood says she plays the flute confidently during halftime. "I feel good and positive when I perform because we get to show them who we are," Youngblood stated.

## Band



Playing for the local high school football game, Seniors Austin White, Michael Fonda, and Wesley Young finished off the season with this school song. White, alto-saxophone, has been involved in band for seven years and will continue to pursue playing at Central State University through a scholarship. "I love music because it is a way to express myself," White said.



Kaitlyn Phillips, junior, alto-saxophone/band captain, contributes her own sound to the band. She likes the atmosphere all the people involved in the band create. Phillips notes that the band had a great season this year and won a gold medal at the Mustang Band Festival Contest in South Bend. "It is very different with Mr. Davidson but it is also a great job," Phillips said.



My favorite part is when we take down the competition because I was surprised we did so well." Senior Natalie Lajunen and her fellow Color Guard members were seen marching down the field, performing with their band at halftime.



During the March of the Colors, we were with the band. Performing with the band was a great experience on the sideline. When I first learned the routine, I thought it was hard to learn, but once I practiced, it just got used to it. It became second nature and I started having fun," Wright said.



## Color Guard

The reason this year was really good. Although there were some parts that were really hard, I made the best of it and had as much fun as possible." Senior gladiolus, Cassie said. "Senior performed the All Color Guard routine during halftime at the Portage football game."



"Color Guard is something different that most people don't think is a sport, but really it is. My favorite part of Color Guard was all the new people that I got to meet." Senior Kaitlin Alexander said. "Alexander was across the field during halftime."



*During last year's band and color guard competition, sophomore Reginald Valenzuela performed alongside the band. Each year he has an assignment to create a choreography, which will go on to compete in various state competitions. "I love it and I really enjoyed the competition and I will spend the next month rehearsing it," Valenzuela said.*



Twirling flags and choreographed dance moves are not the only skills learned at color guard members. It takes dedication, hard work, memorization and more. "It's about taking yourself to practice when you know it's going to be hard, especially when it's 100 degrees outside in the freezing field," Senior Vanessa Alexander said, who has been in color guard for 4 years now. It is also about being a strong person, physically and emotionally. "For me, learning the ropes and picking up the flag was difficult, it was heavy," Sophomore Ashley Savage said. Color Guard has many rewarding aspects to look back on. "The friends you get to meet every year, hanging out and learning together," Alexander said. This year, color guard went to competition and won a gold medal. The best part

Feeling  
Accomplished

is the thrill about being in front of every one during the performance and knowing you did your best," Alexander said. Many of the color guard members find it difficult to perform and practice with the band. "You have to put together what you learned and put it with the music. At times it is difficult when color guard needs help, we usually get behind the band," Savage and Alexander said. "This year was not as strong as last year, but at the end just knowing that you accomplished something is a great feeling," Savage said.

## Performing Arts



*This year has been the most difficult for us and it was definitely worth all the hard work. Sophomore Reginald Valenzuela said Valenzuela prepared for the "dances" during the March 30 event.*



"I was really excited. We had a lot of people that placed first. I think it went really well, too," Junior Kandace Greene said of the choir's state competition. Choir students had the opportunity to go to Indianapolis and compete, with many placing first. In addition to going to state competition, choral students also performed in the 2008 Revue. "It was fun. It turned out better than what I expected," Junior Rebecca

Noxville said. The choral students practiced for their 2008 Revue performance for a week. Choir students warm up before stepping onstage by doing proper techniques associated with their singing. Hand Bell, Varsity and Concert Choir are the divisions that are

mostlly for underclassmen and do not require any type of auditioning. Velveteens, Choralteens and Vocalteens, on the other hand, are the more advanced divisions that require upperclassman.

In order to be in the higher divisions, students must try-out. Overall, it depends on what the student is more comfortable singing, in addition to what suits each person. The Girls' Show Choir, as well as

the Mixed Show Choir, is composed of theater and choreography. The Vocalteens is a group of choral students that demonstrate their talent by singing and dancing throughout the community.

## Lively Vocalists

"The best part about choir is the people and friends," Senior Delana Harstad said. Harstad shows a speaking part of the Christmas concert with Senior Alexander McLaughlin. Harstad has been in choir for four years and wants to continue in college. "I'll continue in college if I can take a minor or something," Harstad said.



# Performing Arts

"The best part about choir is the friends and the meaning," Senior Kelsey Beshaw said. Beshaw sings the song "Five Candles" during the Christmas concert. Beshaw has been in choir for four years and wants to be in it throughout college. "I really enjoy everything about choir," Beshaw said.





"The best part about choir is going to the assembly, homecoming and singing with the other people and the sick people," Junior Kelly Tarr said. Tarr sings a Christmas medley during the Christmas concert. Tarr likes choir but there are some parts that she dislikes. The worst part about choir is when the teachers and students get angry when concert time comes," Tarr said.



"The best part about choir is performing and singing at the school," Senior Pamela Agost said. Agost loves the song "My Darling" along with Seniors Benjamin Jenkins and Shanell Parks. "Choir taught me to work hard and never give up," Agost said.

## Choir

"The best part about choir is the places that we travel to," Senior Markella Papamihailides and Papamihailides said. "Silent Night" is a song along with Junior Carlye Kent. Papamihailides has been in choir since freshman year. "Hopefully, I can perform in choir in college because I love to sing and dance," Papamihailides said.



"The best part about choir is singing I love to sing," Junior Rebecca Neville said. Neville sings "More Did You Know" during the Christmas concert. Neville has been in choir since the first grade. I plan to be in it through college because I want to influence people's lives through music," Neville said.



Focusing on Mr. John Bradford for a cue to continue playing, Sophomore Cinthia Garcia waits patiently to keep playing. "I like orchestra. I've been playing for a long time and it's just so much fun," Garcia said.



As the concert comes to an end, Mr. John Bradford receives a bouquet of flowers. "I've had a good group of kids throughout my years at Merrillville. I enjoyed mixing with my students and being able to teach some of the same students again because of their skill," Mr. Bradford said.

## Orchestra

With total concentration on her sheet music, Seniors Kristin Hoyle tries to keep her focus on playing well for the audience. "I've done a lot of things to test my mind, but orchestra is by far the hardest because it's really all about focus and playing the right notes," Hoyle said.



Synchronized with second chair cellist, Junior Stephen Carniello plays his instrument. "I had put a lot of time into preparing for the concert. I would get home and practice at least one to two hours a day," Carniello said. Carniello has been in orchestra since sixth grade at the intermediate school, and he plans on continuing to play his instrument even if he does not participate in orchestra in college.





Throughout the night, Freshman Sydney Harvold plays alongside Freshman Kalliope Harmanantas at the orchestra's fall concert. "I've been in orchestra since I was at the intermediate school. I love playing big concerts like this one. It just gives me a sense of accomplishment," Harvold said. Harvold plans to keep playing in the orchestra until graduation.



# Performing Arts



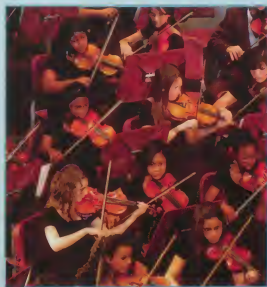
Playing bass, the rhythm of the orchestra, Senior Josh Crayne engages in the music alongside two of his fellow musicians. "Bass is a really cool instrument, although it gets very tiring. Unlike the other instruments, you can't sit down," Crayne said. Crayne is also a member of the swim team and looks to pursue a job in lifeguarding instead of music for the time being.

Orchestra is more than just playing an instrument. This year, orchestra has done the Trick or Treat for canned goods and Christmas donations for the less fortunate children. The group performed well at the Munster regional and captured two gold ratings at state.

Senior Pedro Lara has been playing for eight years and is going to continue playing in college. "Orchestra

teaches a lot of discipline and how to become a perfectionist, not to mention all the doors that will open for you by being in it," Lara said. Senior Irene Lopez has been playing for six years and is also going to continue playing after high school, but only for her leisure.

## Playing Perfection



At the orchestra's winter concert, the musicians concentrate on their sheet music so they don't miss a single note. Playing in time with the people around is important in order to make the song sound good.





*Struggling to fight for Daryl's love, Lydia Lansing (Senior Jessica Myrini) and Luella Parsons (Sophomore Patricia Millard) are overcome by their love for Daryl (Junior Johnathan Wallace), all because of an enchanted flower. "It took me longer to prepare for my role because I'm new to the theater, but in the end everything turned out great," Wallace said. Millard explained how they had to learn and improve from every performance for the upcoming shows.*



# Performing Arts

Soon after school began the Drama Department began preparing for the fall play "Shakespeare in Hollywood." This year the Drama Department hired a new director Ms. Nikki James. Since arriving, Ms. James said she has enjoyed the diversity of the students and the opportunity to work with them in the theater. "I like collaborating with a bunch of people," Ms. James said.

With a new director many students were excited to get started with auditions and rehearsals. Students took part in the play, either by working behind the scenes or performing on stage, and attending rehearsals from 3 to 9 p.m.

The fall play "Shakespeare in Hollywood" is about the adventure of Oberon and Puck, two of Shakespeare's characters from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," when they appear

## Comedy with a Twist

on a movie set in the 1930s. The lead roles of Oberon and Puck were played by Junior Anthony Barnes and Senior Alexandra McLaughlin, both who have participated in drama throughout high school.

The play is a comedy filled with many twists including love triangles and magic. Ms. James said that this was the best comedy she had ever put on and was very pleased with the cast and technicians. After the performance McLaughlin said, "The play itself was very fun. The people involved in the play made the environment very enjoyable to participate in."



*Telling Lydia Lansing (Senior Jessica Myrini) a movie, Max Rindhardt (Senior Evan Martin) is persuading Lansing (Senior Jessica Myrini) to influence Jack Warner, producer of Warner Brothers Studio to Junior Elliot Foley to produce Max's film. "I really enjoyed when I walked on stage how people didn't know I was a chick," Martin said. "The play was really fun, it had a lot of action and I really loved the characters," Myrini said.*



worldly leaping under Oliver. King of  
 Courtesans, Puck is frightened  
 by the atmosphere of 1934. "I like  
 to find that Puck was very ADD  
 I got to do a lot of funny quick  
 changes had many hidden themes  
 of censorship, race and hate,"  
 Alexandra McLaughlin said  
 "it was a chance to spread a message  
 and another chance to perform."  
 Anthony Barnes (Oberon) said



During Linda Powell's interview  
 with pre-stage Dick Powell. Senior  
 Devin Walker Powell saunters  
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 Mellant's) Tanjovet playing Powell  
 because we are both actors and  
 singers. Walker said "Having fun,  
 that's what it's all about, having  
 fun while you're entertaining"

## Fall Play



Gently making contact  
 with Dick Powell's arm,  
 Lydia Larving struggles  
 with her lines. "I'm going  
 to miss this theater next  
 year I had my first ballet  
 recital on this stage,"  
 Senior Jessica Myren said  
 "I'll miss my friends in  
 drama and Miss James,"  
 said Senior Devin Walker  
 who played Dick Powell.



Fitting John L. Brown  
 Senior Carly Stewart the  
 seamstress (Kathrin  
 Kleinberg) is ensuring  
 Brown's costume is  
 properly adjusted for the  
 nurse "A Mid Summer's  
 Night" "There were a  
 lot of new cast members  
 and I had the chance  
 to make a lot of new  
 friends," Kleinberg said



Allyson (Sophomore Lulu) and Sophie (Sophomore Lulu) introduce the show. Ethel (Senior Chanel Farkes) is the town's preacher (Senior Kwanita Smith). Ethel and her son Ray (Senior Daven Walker) were forced to move in with Lulu after her husband left them. "Singing was the most difficult aspect when preparing for the musical," Mollard said.



Ray's best friend, William (Senior Cody Stewart) learns to dance as Rusty. Junior Cora Beauden has love interest, sings "Let's Have It For The Boy." "I really like the random dancing that nobody really knew how to do," Stewart said.

## Spring Play

Warning: Ren (Senior Daven Walker) about the town's love of no dancing. The girls (Junior Cora Beauden, Senior Alexandra McLaughlin and Sophomore Alyssa Shirk) break into singing the song "Somebody's Eyes," describing the small town's lack of privacy. "This was the first time I had a singing part in a musical. It was a really fun experience," McLaughlin said.



And Sophomore Unique takes a step to remember said her father. Senior Kenneth Smith's also has great odd moments her after the death of her brother. Taking part in this musical was really fun. I enjoyed getting into character when acting.



"What you want is worth fighting for." That was the message of this year's spring play "Fossilize" performed by drama and choir students. In the play, a mother and son from Chicago move to a little town called Beaumont to be near her sister. In Beaumont the preacher has banned any form of dance due to an accidental death. The son Ren McCormick (Senior Daven Walker) has decided that he was going to restore dance to the town again.

"The play had a good message and storyline" Senior Sharnell Parks said. Parks played the character of Ethel McCormick and said it was easy to relate to her because "she is a sassy character and can empathize with her brother who is a struggling mother."

"It was fun for drama and choir to come together," Freshman vocalist Sarah Dora said. Mrs. Melinda Reinhart was the director of the play and helped out a lot with the vocals.

"She taught us how to be more personable with the audience and show emotion," Junior Rebecca Neville said. "The best part of this play was being able to get to know your classmates on a more personal level."



One Kid  
One Town  
One Chance

"Singing the song 'The Girls Get Around,' Chuck (Sophomore Anthony Watson) shows his own personality to his girlfriend. And Sophomore Unique stated 'It was really hard to act like such an evil guy' Watson said.

# Performing Arts

Coach Danbar (Junior Elliot Foley) says Ren when he is late for gym class after being attacked by Chuck and his friends. Getting to sell at Daven Walker Ren after he got beat up, says pretty funny," Foley said.





Prior to dinner at the annual Military Ball, members of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), Jean Saffrah, Shanita Malone, Lindsey Mitchell and John Nathan Perkins line up behind the head table with Me. and Mrs. Michael Stills, Maj. Guy Ramey, Mrs. Linette Ramey, Sgt. Dan Wrasman and Mr. Donnie Greenbert.

# Making Members

A student stands beside his friends, wrapping a gift that was donated and will be presented to a needy child on Christmas morning. That day, this student grew closer to his fellow members of the Student Government, and supplied an underprivileged family with an opportunity to experience a moment that they would have otherwise not gotten. Through these motives, groups and organizations throughout the school accept members to surround themselves "with people that are full of ideas, and people that are not going to be 'yes-men.' Surround yourself with smart, truthful, honest people." — Donald Trump



During half-time of the football game against Laporte, Deanna Gonzalez, the 1997 Homecoming Queen winner crowns Seniors Destiny Blink. "I knew my chances were pretty good, because I know a lot of people, and I am honored and excited to be remembered as the winner of Homecoming queen," Blink said.



Escorted by Mr. Jared Pierson, homecoming queen candidates Seniors Alexandra McLaughlin, Brianna Jenkins and Sarah Richards wave as they ride on the car during the homecoming parade. "I was honored to even be considered for the homecoming court, and it's something that I'll remember for many years to come," Senior Brianna Jenkins said.

"It fascinated me, being a part of the goofy games I figured I had to go out with a bang, this being my senior year and all," Senior LaSalle Jackson said. Jackson attempts to pull ahead in the water balloon throwing competition.



Sliding down the hill, Senior Lashaia Goothe is soaked in pudding during the Goofy Games. "Although it was messy and really sticky, it was still worth it for me to be able to say that I was a part of it," Goothe said.





Czech Zac Wells presents Senior Clayton Cooper with the Mr. Football award, given to the best all-around player each year. "When they called my name, and told me that I had won, I was happy. A lot of people had told me that they voted for me, but honestly I thought my man Roosevelt had it on lock, so I was surprised," Cooper said.



"They locked me in a cage to represent what was going to happen to the LaPorte Slicers at the Homecoming game on Friday," Senior-Carlo Martinez said. Martinez roared in a cage on the senior float during the Homecoming parade. After the parade, students gathered behind the tennis courts for the Goofy Games. The Pirates faced the LaPorte Slicers during the Homecoming game.



## Homecoming brings out the spirit in students

For over 25 years students and faculty have participated in school Spirit Week and it still remains a current event. Dressing up differently for a week gears the school for the Homecoming game. Monday was class color day, Tuesday was wacky tacky day, Wednesday was the 70s, Thursday was twin day and Friday was purple and white day. Friday was the big day for everyone to show how much spirit they had.

"I painted my face and spray painted my hair purple to show how much school spirit I have," Junior Arthur Basoldua Jr. said.

"I love just seeing everyone all dressed up and come together to support the team, showing up at the game is some school spirit but when the students jump up and down and go crazy with wearing school colors this truly shows the spirit MHS has," Senior Gabrielle Briscoe said.

Showing school spirit is showing up or participating in the parade and Goofy Games the night before. The Goofy Games consist of the twister, water balloon toss, hula hoop and diaper surprise, as well as having the traditional pudding slide for all to join in.

"It was my first year participating and I had so much fun with my friends and playing the hula hoop game," Senior Danielle Metlooski said.

Different grade levels face off with each other to claim the victory as the best class of the school. Defeating the other classes, the juniors took the winning title.

"Overall I think it was well-organized and fun, except for the cheaters," Senior Lindsey Hauber said.

Everyone gets down and dirty slipping on the pudding slide.

"Some of the pudding and water went inside my mouth: it had a horrible taste," Sophomore James Pollard said. During half time, Senior Clayton Cooper won Mr. Football.

"It felt good to win Mr. Football because it gives me good memories of high school," Cooper said.

Density Blink was pronounced the Homecoming Queen. "I had a feeling that my chances were good for winning because I am really diverse," Blink said.



Ashley Jaramet was just a few of the many students who chose to attend the homecoming dance with their friends rather than a specific date. "There are just no guys to date in Merrillville," Daterline said.

The lack of cups and punch didn't stop students such as Junior Jasmine Woods from enjoying the veggie platters, hot wings, crackers, chocolates, pretzels and other munchies that were set out in the Hall of Pops throughout the dance. Every year caterers set up a wide variety of foods for students to enjoy while they dance and socialize.



Representing the theme of this year's homecoming dance, Seniors David Nunn, Eugene Russell and Cecelia Neely wear bowler hats and pinstriped suits. "I sorta did my own thing with the purple and red suit. I had purple because it's the school color, of course, and red because it's my favorite color," Senior Eugene Russell said. "With a red carpet and black curtained entrance, the theme, 'Club Capone,' gave off an aura of the 1920s nightlife accentuating a jazz club, money and the colors black and white."

Enjoying one of the few slow songs that the DJ played, Junior Lindsey Tobin and Senior Dawn Walker showed their moves in front of a music video screen.



Think red carpets, zoot suits and a gangster's paradise. This was only part of the theme of Homecoming 2007, 1920's Club Capone. "It was celebrity status with the red carpet," Senior Kortney Nicholson said. "I liked it because it fit with my wardrobe." Senior Nick Diehl said this was his first Homecoming experience. "I didn't know what to expect. I liked all the peeps when you first walked in. It was a nice theme," Diehl said.

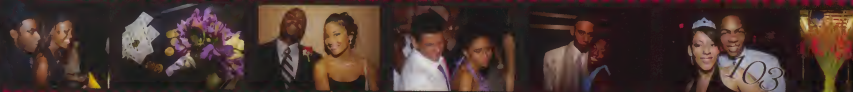
For Student Government members, Club Capone was a much anticipated idea. "It lived up to all of its expectations and looked exactly how we wanted it to with the gangsta theme. I've been throwing the idea out there for three years and it was finally chosen," Student Government President, Senior David Bonilla said.

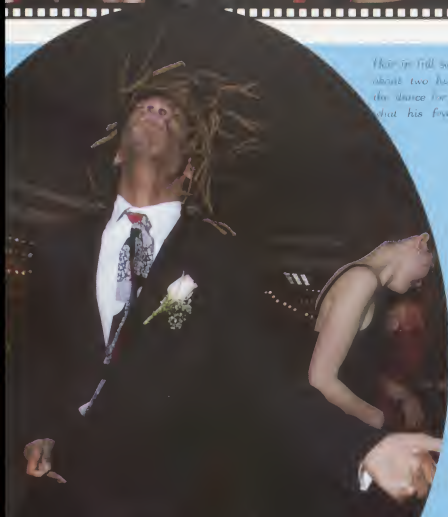
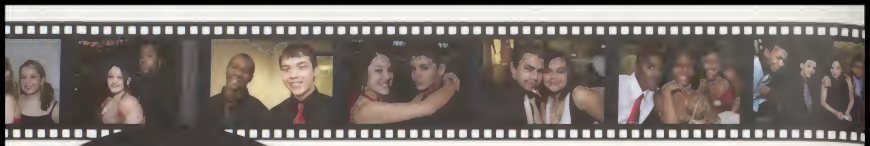
Senior Ben Smithers agreed that it was a lot better than last year. "You were able to have fun with it but all the cups ran out so you weren't able to drink anything," Smithers said. "I was a little bored with the music. It needed more variety," Senior Pedro Lau said. Overall the dance was a sensation even with a few minor set backs. The boys grabbed their skimmers and girls threw on their mini dresses making their way VIP style into Club Capone.



"Our group photo was fun. It was funny to try and get us all set up," Senior Brittany Heidenman said about her evening at the Homecoming dance. Seniors Mia Vasquez and Heidenman take time away from dancing to pose for a picture. A photographer was set up at the dance to take pictures of couples and groups against a background that depicted a busy scene in the 1920s.

A digital projection of the theme "Club Capone" highlights Seniors Cameron Nicholson, Rivers, Cameron Josh Blew and Lee Tall. In anticipation of the homecoming dance, Seniors Josh Blew said that he and his girlfriend Seniors Lisa ("phone lady") were planning to go since before school even started. "I just wasn't sure I could come back and go next year, but I won't be here because I'm graduating," Blew said.





# Winter Nights

How is it all going? Sophomore Austin Garneau looks out to the dance DJ. "It took me about two hours to prepare and get ready for this dance!" Austin said before attending the dance for the first time and he said, "I kept it casual, I wore my friends!" Recognizing that his favorite memory is, Austin smiled and replied, "They played Air Guitar."



Smile for the camera as the evening's crowning princesses pose for the photographer. Sophomore Theresa Yugo, a returning dance guest, snagged the title of Sophomore princess, while new comer Freshman Angelica Spaw was crowned Freshman princess.

All in motion as dance goes circle the floor. Sophomores Parry Papantholakis, Megan McGill and Samantha Murphy take center with imperceptible guitars on hand. "My favorite part of the dance was when my girl won Princess," Papantholakis said. Parry was accompanied by Sophomore Princess winner Theresa Yugo.



From is for upperclassmen of high school, which leaves Freshmen and Sophomores without an evening to call their own.

About seven years ago, FCCLA created the Winter Formal to supply these Freshmen and Sophomores with their own annual event.

The Winter Formal was held on February 15th in the cafeteria. With a lack of promotion for the event this year, many students did not attend. "It was quite empty, but overall it was cool I guess," Sophomore

Lakeshia Miles said. Although the Winter Formal did not have as much attendance as it usually does, some still thought it was a fun night. "I had a lot of fun, this dance was way better than thought it was," Sophomore Winter Formal queen Theresa Yugo said.

The evening had many disappointments as well as satisfying moments. After being crowned for the Winter Formal, Winter Formal queen Angelica Spaw's crown fell off her head. "It was embarrassing, but at the same time fun, I really enjoyed myself," Spaw said.





Smiling in amazement, Merrillville graduate Amanda Joslyn watches her date perform some karate dance moves. "I had a lot of fun. It was a great experience and everyone was so friendly," Joslyn said. Joslyn has attended this dance for the past three years.



Sharing a slow dance with one of his friends, Senior Jonathan Satkoski enjoys his last dance as a Merrillville student. "That's a blast. I saw a lot of my friends that I had met at other dances," Satkoski said. Many alumni are invited back and these dances become reunions.

Handling said drinks, Sophomore Amber Medwetz (left) often helps out during the Inclusion Dance. "I love helping out in events like this. It's fun getting out and experiencing things so I try and help with what ever I can around the school," Larson said. Larson and Medwetz have been friends for some time and plan on helping for more events throughout the school year.

Forget the homework, drama, and pressures of high school, and enjoy a night full of friends, music, and laughter.

This was the top priority for all of the special education students who attended the Inclusion Dance February 14.

The dance has been sponsored for over 13 years by Ms. Carol Von Behren and FCCLA. Merrillville's special needs students are not the only students who attend the dance. Crown Point, Lowell, and Calumet High Schools are also invited to relax and have fun with the Pirates.

These three schools are part of the special education co-operative, and also compete with Merrillville during the Special Olympics.

"The kids just get to have fun with the other students as friends instead of opponents," Special Education teacher Ms. Barb Dlouhy said. There were over 70 students that came this year, including the three neighboring schools, and the boys' basketball team. "They dance with the kids, and when they come they really get things going," Ms. Dlouhy said. Ms. Dlouhy loves how excited her students get weeks

before the dance even starts. "Everyone dances the entire time, almost never sitting down. It's great to see everyone have a good time, and that's what it is really all about," Ms. Dlouhy said. This year, Josef and Mari's Salon and Spa sent two hair stylists to do the girls' hair for the dance. Ms. Dlouhy said they completely donated their time and talents, and would not accept any sort of payment. "I like to dance, I won 3 CDs from the break dancing contest," Senior Ryan Knight said, "It was so fun and cool to hear everyone cheering for me." Senior Terrance Johnson was another student who loved the music this year. "I was sweating and my feet hurt all weekend from dancing. I had to soak them," Johnson said. FCCLA students stayed after school to set up decorations and food for the dance. "I can't describe what an outstanding job FCCLA and Ms. Von Behren do. We want them to know how much the kids and their parents appreciate it. We got many comments about how great the dance turned out," Ms. Dlouhy said.

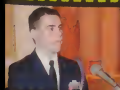
Bright Lights



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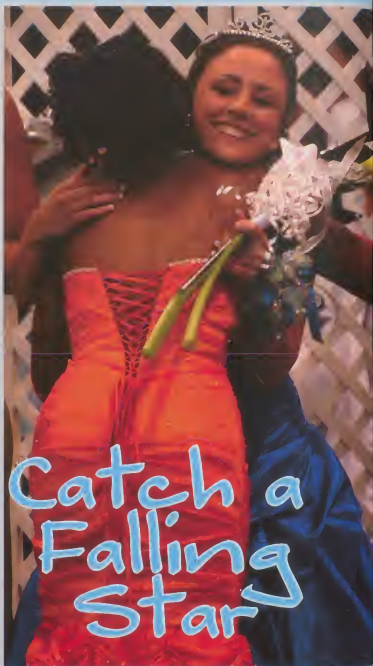


# Military Style





*Getting away this crown, Senior Alyssa King congratulated her peer Senior Olivia Serwacki as Serwacki was announced Prom Queen. This year marks the fifth year of a row, that the Prom Queen has been a PNN girl. I was really excited, especially since I am the fifth PNN girl," Serwacki said "I didn't expect to win because everyone has such a fair chance of winning"*



# Catch a Falling Star

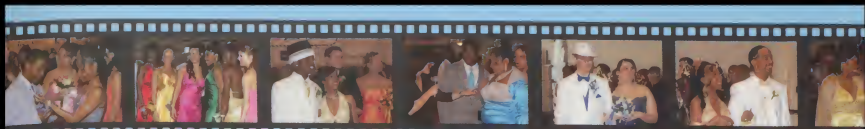
*After the crowning of the King and Queen, the Prom Court pose for a group picture. "I wanted to be nominated, but since I didn't understand what I had to do, I just sat back surprised when they called my name," Junior Romeo Harper said*

*On the way to Prom, Senior Theresa Rizo and Sophomore Walter Barceñas pose for pictures outside of the Grand March. "My friends and I took a stretch Corvette which cost about \$800," Rizo said. "It was worth it, though, because it had a lot of cool features on the inside and it had Butterfly and Lamborghini doors. I think we had one of the best limos," Rizo said*



*Escorting his date Senior Carlo Martinez walks with Junior Karlin Fleming. "When getting ready for the Grand March, I was excited and couldn't wait to blow the crowd away," Martinez said.*





*Walking on the red carpet for the Grand March, Seniors Ashley Jimenez and Edgardo Torres. The walk kinda hurt because of my shoes. But it was a lot of fun. I didn't want to spend very much on Prom, so I got my dress from Delta's for only \$30 and had my hair and makeup done at Excel. Jimenez said.*



*"It took me nine stores until I finally found my dress at Chi's in Dyer for \$317," Junior Mercedes Forsell said. Forsell walks with her date, Merrillville graduate Alfredo Arvelando. "We decided to just drive his car, a Pontiac G6, because there were only four of us and a limo would have been too expensive," Forsell said.*



Every year students pull up in their limos and party busses to the Grand March for one last stop before heading to the Avalon Marcor for the dance. The entire community is invited to see the students dressed and ready for the big dance.

"It was fun because you get to see everyone all dressed up before we all get sweaty from dancing," Junior Samantha Serwacki said.

All of the students walk around the gym showing off their dresses and tuxes.

"Catch a Falling Star" was this year's Prom theme. This year the gym was decorated with stars and a red carpet for the march. The Prom Court lined up on stage in front of the crowd and the Prom King and Queen were announced.

"It felt good to be nominated. I was really excited," Junior Romeo Harper said. "It was a real honor because the nominees are chosen by the teachers," Serwacki said. Harper and Serwacki were crowned King and Queen by last year's King Seniors Pedro Laza and Queen Jalysa King. Harper's father was also Prom King at his high school, possibly making this the start of a tradition.

"Just knowing that people voted for me was the best part. In order for me to win, a lot of people had to vote for me," Harper said. As King and Queen they were the first to take the walk down the red carpet. "I got to be the first to walk. That was pretty cool," Serwacki said. "Everyone started clapping, I felt like a celebrity."

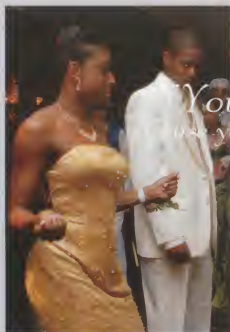


# Ever catch a shooting star And tell me how high did you see

"It was funny that while we were dancing, he was upset that we couldn't dance closer because I have a boyfriend," said Junior Samantha Serwacki, dancing with Junior Romeo Harper. Harper and Serwacki were having their first dance as Prom King and Queen.

After finding out they were the winners of PNX's dance competition, Seniors Brianna Choise U'rey and Chris Logan dance to Justin Timberlake's "Lovestoned."

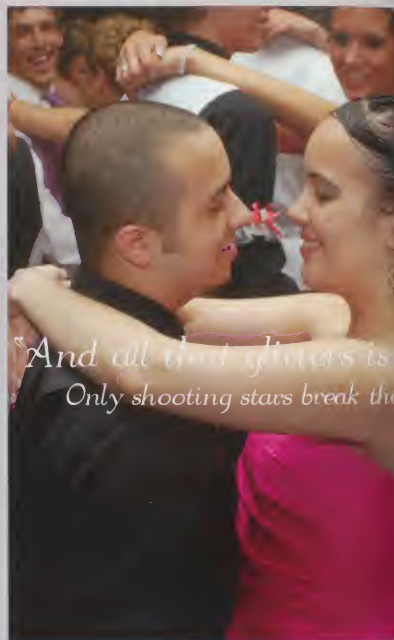
"The best part of Prom was finding out we won, and we only practiced an hour before the competition," U'rey said.



Slow dancing together are Seniors Chris Smith and Britni Braddock. After three years of dating, they knew they would attend Prom together. "We made the decision to have fun and go to Zuni's Pizza after Prom to hang out with some friends," Braddock said.



"You must be my Lucky Star  
'Cause you shine on me wherever you are" Maroon 5



"And all that glitters is  
Only shooting stars break the

With friends by her side, Junior Alyssa Richmond dances with boyfriend Junior Tony Lucas. "Hanging out with everyone at Prom was a lot of fun," Richmond said. "We decided to go last minute because all my friends were graduating and we wanted to make sure we had fun at least one Prom year," Lucas said.



*I'm wishing on a star.  
To tell you where you are.*

# Never Let It Fade

Expensive gowns, upbeat music and tons of pictures are what prom is all about. Students plan for months what they are going to look like, how they are going to show up and who they are going to be with. Prom is a special night that represents the end of another school year.

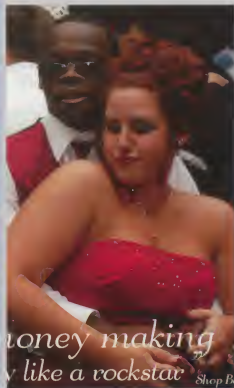
Not only do the students plan for months, but a committee of teachers do also. Ms. Melissa Volkman, Ms. Jennifer Starke, Mrs. Maryetta Petrus and Ms. Melissa Flutka began planning

in February to make sure May 9, 2008, was the night to remember. From the decorations to the gift bags, Prom came close to costing \$15,000.

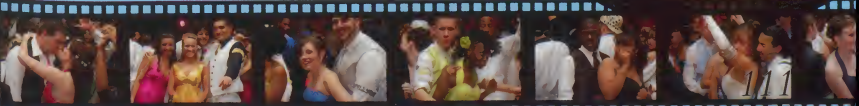
"This was the best Prom since I've been here," Ms. Volkman said after helping with Prom for the past five years.

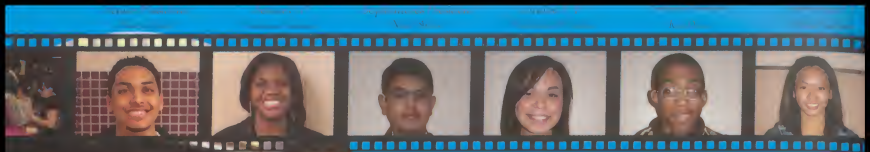
Nearly 600 attended this year. "How the students behaved, and how much fun everyone had, with no problems, made this Prom so successful," Ms. Volkman said.

*Dancing with 2007 graduate Darrell Roberts, Senior Natalie Lipp enjoys a night of fun. "I enjoyed seeing all the returning graduates that I haven't seen in a long time," Lipp said. After Prom, the couple ate at Olive Garden and went to Six Flags Great America the next day.*



*Sharing a special moment? Students Michael Sandridge and Ashley Nespoli hold each other close. After dating for a couple of months, Sandridge remembers this moment to the fullest. "It was the second slow dance of the night and the first time I told her I loved her," Sandridge said.*





*With a crammed schedule and many destinations along the way, Junior Samantha Soswacki helps lead the hundreds of presents one by one for the Christmas Wish List event. "Knowing that the presents were going to kids that don't have as much as I made me really happy to be delivering them and knowing our event put a smile on the children's faces," Soswacki said.*



*Wrapping a series of presents Juniors Ava Mueh and Ashley Hite were among the many students that helped distribute the Christmas Wish List Presents to the less fortunate children in Merrillville. "While organizing all the gifts the thought was going through my mind of how many kids we were helping out today and that gave me a great feeling," Mueh said.*

Busy  
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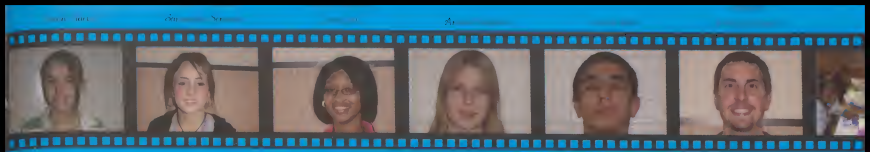
Student Government is an organization at school sponsored by Mr. Nicholas Petralia that all students can participate in. Meetings are held every other Wednesday in the arena.

Student Government participates in many activities that help out the community including the Camp Riley Carnival and the Christmas Wish List. During the Camp Riley Carnival, Student Government members took part in many of the games.

In December members of Student Government involved the entire school by collecting money and Christmas gifts for needy children in the community. Senior Crystal Hernandez, treasurer of the Student Government, said "The Christmas Wish List is my favorite because we help out kids that are less fortunate, especially with what they need for winter."

Besides being involved in the community Student Government sponsors the Homecoming Dance and the Goofy Games. "With the Homecoming Dance and Goofy Games being a main event of the school year, many of the members have to work long hard hours to get everything set up," Hernandez said.





*With canned goods in hand and a good goal in mind, Senior Student Government member Jessica Boursier was involved in the human assembly line method to deliver the canned goods. "Being involved in Student Government helps me provide better opportunities for my surrounding community," Boursier said.*

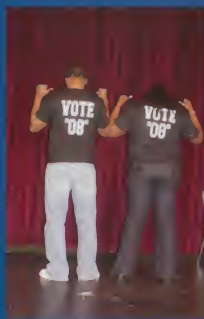


*"I joined Student Government to give back to the people what they have given to me," Sophomore Najeb Anifoe said. Anifoe showed his support and effort by helping out the less fortunate in the Thanksgiving Food Drive.*

*Double checking the presents for the Christmas Wish List, Student Government sponsor Nicholas Petralia keeps the members and presents organized. Mr. Petralia has been responsible for Student Government for the past two years. "Student Government helps people in the area and it is a very positive group to be involved in, and when you do good things you become a good person," he said.*

*Student Government members took a trip to St. Peter and Paul Food Pantry to deliver canned goods for the less fortunate on Thanksgiving. "Giving to others gives me a sense to give back to the community," Senior Ashley McKnight said.*





# STAND as one



Together we stand as one  
Speaking as one voice  
Fighting for what's right  
Making a choice

Together we learn  
Together we slowly begin to  
grow  
Each of us teaching each  
other  
What we all must know

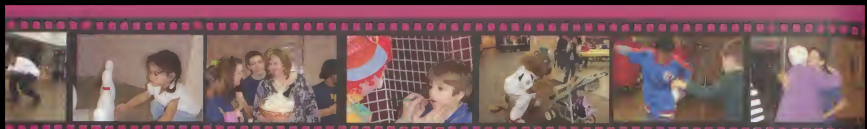
We lead separate lives  
And different we may be  
Nevertheless we are not alone  
We live, in unity

Though we are not related  
We have formed a family  
You have support no matter  
what  
And friends that will never  
leave

Bonds that will never break  
Experiences you'll never forget  
Times that never fade  
A membership you won't  
regret

We stand through tears  
We stand through fun  
We stand throughout it all  
We stand, as one





# Unlocking New Ideas



**Key Club**  
Sponsor Carrie Bedwell  
Front row: Chantrice Cade, Dawneasha Taylor, Sarah Martin, Kathryn Eanashak, Candace Pearson; Second row: Elizabeth Martin, Pedro Lara, Candice Lambert, Matthew Paul, Hannah Webster, Crystal Hernandez; Back row: Miss Carbaugh, Gregory Phillips, Lesley Richards, Nolan Solomon, Mrs. Debra Monix, Mrs. Carrie Bedwell

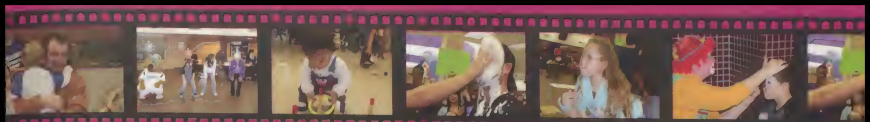
After hard work and lots of fundraising Mr. Nicholas Petrulis is rewarded with a pie in the face for raising the most donations for Riley Children's Hospital. It was the first time he's peed and it was a really wonderful experience in a word says Mr. Petrulis (saw)



The Chili Cook off was not only a tasty event, but a great opportunity for families to interact with the community. Principal Michael Krut and his sons attend the event.



Using her artistic skills, Junior Jessica Martinez helped fund the Camp Riley event by painting faces. The little children's smiles others gives me a feeling of achievement knowing that they're going to affect someone's life and put a smile on her face. (saw)



With the food of attention on hand, Junior Anthony Weybuski, with Sophomores Matthew Melanson and John Tolt as their two primary sponsors, is Key Club's "I plan my future in serving." Weybuski says he plans to cook and use a change in his life to start serving with others. Weybuski was the underman behind their recipe. "I took stuff that is usually in chili and added poultry instead of meat," he added.

To get the job done, they were organized and efficient says Junior Lesley Hutchins, assists the judges during the chili cooking competition. "I have to work and be around such different people and different service projects," Hutchins said.



Raising money, helping others and having fun are some of the major responsibilities of Key Club. The club is busy all year giving their time to charitable services.

Once a month they visit the St. Mark's Senior Kitchen in Evans and the Southlake Nursing Home and Rehabilitation to play bingo with the elderly.

Club members also work with the American Lung Association, Rally for Life, UNICEF, March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network, High Area for Public Initiative and the Lupus Foundation.

This year they raised about \$4,000 for the Chili Contest for the Robert B. Smith Foundation. Students raised the money to decorate and prepare for the event. They are donating the money to the foundation.

Key Club Advisor Mrs. Carrie Baskin said, "Later in the year Key Club participates in the Indiana District Key Club Convention in Bloomington, where they are presented with many different awards for their

community service work. Also the club takes a trip down to Key Leader every May to join other students in becoming better leaders.

These students are an extension of my own family. We have a lot of fun together helping our community and beyond," Mrs. Baskin said.

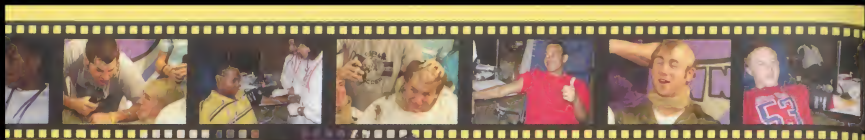
"Being governor has helped me grow both as a leader and as a person," Key Club Governor Pedro Lara said.

Key Club members also work with other clubs. With the Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Alpha Phi Omega, they are always willing to lend a helping hand.



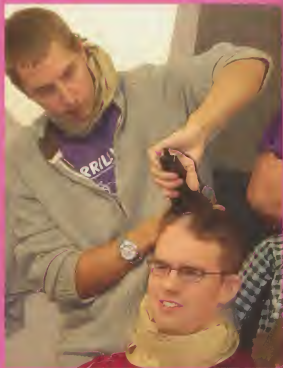






The whole time it was happening I was thinking, 'no, please! (squeals) I got myself into this.' Senior Michael Fuchs said he was forced to shave his head after losing the bowling competition to the teachers.

I found it funny that along with some money to donate you have to donate it several like we were losing the game with no more players but when I started to think about it was that it would make about two months (to me) and I would be back? Senior Michael Fuchs said Fuchs' smile as Mr. Nicholas Parrish shaves his head.



Future Educators of America (FEA) give students an opportunity to learn and gain experience to become a teacher in the future. Social Studies teacher Mr. James Stamper is the sponsor and holds meetings in his classroom every Tuesday at 7 a.m. for about 20 minutes. "I want to be a teacher and I love the idea because it's fun and it will help me in the future with teaching," Junior Amanda Spudis said.

FEA has done activities such as students and teachers in bowling with losers shaving their heads. The students lost and teachers had the pleasure of shaving the students' heads. "Better them than me," Mr. Stamper said. FEA raised a total of \$3000 for a scholarship that will be awarded to an FEA member. Selling "Genocide" T-shirts with several different colors for \$15.00 only raised money, but also made students aware of what genocide really is. "Helping Stamp design the T-shirts made me feel like a better person because I was helping people become aware of genocide," Senior Marc Wilson said.

# Future Leaders



"I didn't know whether to be happy, proud, or sad about it because of all the pain that I was in," Senior Saladeen Lawal said. With a worried look on his face, Lawal watches as the blood is drawn out of his arm.





Athletes participate in educating  
 the children of the community  
 through membership in the Merrillville  
 Pointe Athletic Council (MPAC)

"It's fun teaching the little kids about sports in the high school. It gives them examples and opportunities to try new things and see what sport they might be interested in when they get to high school," Senior Douglas Dominguez said. The student athletes participate in various community service projects such as a carnival with a variety of sport-related activities to involve the youth of the community in high school athletics.

"It feels good to be a role model for the younger kids from around the area. I feel like I'm looked up to for guidance," Junior Christian Beezhold said.



Athletes  
Unite



# Sawdust on Society



**Building Trades A**  
Sponsor Mr. Bob Mackovyak  
Front row: Mr. Bob Mackovyak, Michael Slavik, Hector Romero, Brandon Pierson, Ryan Arroyo; Second row: Dillon Meadows, Maurice Shivers, Christian Allen, Matthew Demetarakis; Back row: Jeremy Gjebre, Jason Savin.

Students work on a house as it is being built and have hands-on training for future occupations in Building Trades is a credited class in which student can earn college credit. This year, the students have also built a wall for their classroom.



**Building Trades B**  
Sponsor Mr. Bob Mackovyak  
Front row: Mr. Bob Mackovyak, Bryan Cygan, Eric Pena, Eric Wright, Second row: Dayle Paul McNab, John Graun, Frank Sumichrast, Matthew Neese, Jarret Parker; Back row: Justin Scott, Justin Winters, Nick Vadas, Michael Ovanek, Edward Packwood.



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) is sponsored by Mrs. Carol VonBehren.

An FCCCLA member performs various tasks and activities, such as helping with the blood drives and volunteering. The students have sponsored the Freshman Sophomore Winter Formal and the Special Needs Dance.

FCCCLA also set up canned food drives. Natalie Lipp and Amanda Churilla said they like how Mrs. Carol Von Behren runs things as the sponsor.

*Before donating blood, everyone must pass a simple test. Donating blood for the first time, junior James Kotles smiles while nurse Danielle Trotter tests his blood. "I wasn't really worried about it because my sister is a nurse and she'd let me do it. I wouldn't hurt," Kotles said.*



# Exploring Culture

## French Club



Sponsor Ms. Irene Spiro

Front row: Courtney Bargfeldt, Lakeshia Miles, Alexis Connelly, Katelyn Kora, Rachel Drapeau; Second row: Amanda Kay Gonzales, Laurie Hawkins, Courtney Jones, Bianna Jenkins, Chantal DeJesus, Kirsten Koharchik; Back row: Ms. Irene Spiro, Arthur Basaldua, Brandon Taylor, Tyler Roark.

## German Club



Sponsor Mr. Al Stoner

Front row: Nicole Tarulis, Tanya Riveron, Sabrina Smith-Griggs, Rachel Drapeau, Nicole Rudolph; Second row: Dylan Roberts, Matthew Mayo, Jonathan Shannon, Kelsey Beshears, Kevin McGee, Jeremy DeJesus, Mr. Al Stoner; Back row: Steven Hadt, Jonathon Sturgeon, Katie Wilson, Zachary Swierc, Amon Garner-Poston, Rufus Nelson, Konstantinos Matzaris, Micheal Sweet, Marley Witticher, Daniel Gronli.

## Spanish Club



Sponsor Mrs. Mary Ann Bertram

Wiebke Scharf, Shannon Bier, Mrs. Mary Ann Bertram, Mrs. Palmerin Zamora

Español, Français, Deutsch. Students can experience different cultures through three different world language clubs sponsored by the foreign language teachers.

It's not all sombreros and baretos, but many students have joined the clubs so that they can meet new people and have fun with others while learning about other countries.

Senior Shannon Bier, a fourth year student in Spanish, said her favorite part of Spanish Club are the activities.

"The best part is being able to pick what we learn, whether it be food or crafts. It's very versatile," Bier said.

Senior and fourth year French student Vanessa Alexander says that she enjoys meeting new people.

"I like to meet new people, especially the underclassmen, so that they might stay in the French Club. The club seems to be getting smaller because everyone's busy with other things," Alexander said.

Bier said that the number of students in the Spanish club have gone down as well. Senior Kelsey Beshears says that it's the opposite in terms of the German Club.

"We have a lot of new people this year and we have a new president," Beshears said. "My favorite part is playing all of the weird German games and singing songs and sometimes [Mr. Stoner] play the accordion."

All said they hope that more students will participate in the years to come as the seniors say adios, au revoir, auf wiedersehen, goodbye.





*Seniors Eric Heidbreder, Trevor Brown and Alex Olanlehin*

# Candid Camera

Surrounded by our best companions, and enjoying the bouyant atmosphere of the school cafeteria, we are sometimes obviously recorded in our most natural state by the candid camera of our friends and foes alike. Whether etched on a classic reel of film, stored in a digital Scan-Disk card or recorded in the vivid memory of our minds, "memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose."

— /from the television show/ *The Wonder Years*

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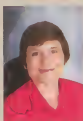
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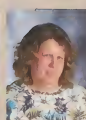
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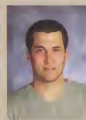
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Michelle Sall  
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Special Education



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Special Education



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Administrative Staff



David Jones  
Industrial Technology



Richard Thomas  
Security



Derek Thompson  
Special Education



Cheryl Ussers  
Student Services



Cynthia Volter  
English



Amy Young  
Cross-Cultural Studies



Melissa Wilmon  
English



Sandra Van Buren  
FACS



Henry Fantaaghen  
Mathematics



Doreen Weil  
English



William Wooten  
Student Hall Aide



Doreen Wooten  
Special Education



Sue Whitlock  
Special Education



Beverly Williams  
Mathematics



Debra Williams  
Secretary



Michelle Wilson  
Mathematics



Dan Wozniak  
FACS



Jeffrey White  
Science



Joshua Zippert  
Physical Education



Jean Zerbe  
Treasury



Class of 2011

# Freshmen

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Jonathan Albi  
Tashia Alcorn  
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A row of eight individual student portraits, each showing a different student from the chest up. The students are diverse in appearance and are dressed in casual clothing. The portraits are set against a light, neutral background.

A row of eight student portraits. From left to right: a male student with glasses and a black shirt; a female student with dark curly hair and a denim jacket; a female student with dark hair and a red top; a female student with dark hair and a yellow top; a female student with dark hair and a black top; a female student with long dark hair and a tiara; a male student with short dark hair and a blue shirt; and a female student with long brown hair and a red top.

A row of seven student portraits. From left to right: a young man with short brown hair wearing a black shirt; a young woman with dark hair and bangs wearing a white shirt; a young man with short dark hair wearing a red and white striped shirt; a young woman with dark hair in a bun wearing a black shirt; a young man with short dark hair wearing a black shirt with a graphic; a young man with long brown hair wearing a black shirt; and a young man with short dark hair wearing a white shirt.

A row of eight student portraits. From left to right: a young woman with dark hair and a black top; a young man with short dark hair and a red shirt; a young woman with long brown hair and a white top; a young woman with dark hair and a patterned top; a young woman with dark hair and a brown top; a young woman with dark hair and a black top with a white collar; a young woman with dark hair and glasses and a purple top; and a young man with short dark hair and a white shirt.

A row of eight individual student portraits, each showing a student from the chest up against a blue background. The students are arranged horizontally, with varying hairstyles and clothing.

A row of eight student portraits from the 2011-2012 yearbook. The students are: a male with short dark hair wearing a striped polo shirt; a male with short brown hair and a mustache wearing a black t-shirt; a female with long dark hair wearing a white patterned top; a male with short dark hair wearing a white t-shirt; a female with long dark hair wearing a blue jacket; a female with long dark hair wearing a red top; a male with short dark hair wearing a white polo shirt; and a female with dark hair in a bun wearing a light blue t-shirt.

A row of eight student portraits. From left to right: a young woman with long dark hair wearing a blue top; a young man with short dark hair wearing a white t-shirt; a young woman with long dark hair wearing a black top; a young woman with long dark hair wearing a black top; a young man with short dark hair wearing a pink and white plaid shirt over a red shirt; a young woman with long dark hair wearing a green top; a young man with short dark hair wearing a white and orange striped shirt; and a young man with short dark hair wearing a white t-shirt with black stripes on the sleeves.

A row of eight student portraits. From left to right: a girl with dark hair and a white top; a boy with short dark hair and a green shirt; a girl with dark hair and a black top; a girl with dark hair in a bun and a green shirt; a boy with short dark hair and a black t-shirt with 'lamborghini' text; a boy with short dark hair and a black hoodie; a girl with long dark hair and a black top; and a girl with long blonde hair and a white top.

A row of six student portraits. From left to right: a blonde female, a male in a blue and white striped shirt, a male in a white shirt, a male in a yellow shirt, a female in a black and white patterned shirt, and a female in a white shirt.





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Stephanie Hight  
Joseph Hight  
Makenna Hight  
Cassandra Hight  
Sandra Hight



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 Penelope Alex  
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 Doreen Voss  
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 Tre Ladele Kelly Easter  
 Briana Marie Hackett  
 Sean Hall  
 Dominique M. Harris  
 Jashua Allen Holden  
 Ocean Anthony Jones Jr.  
 Melanie Marie Noelle Jones

LaTasha Nicole Lee  
 John Aki Lewis  
 Melana Rose Manning  
 Raunna Chanel Maxie  
 Nicholas Adam Mazurick-Barnes  
 Ashlee Nicole McKissack  
 William Frank Morris Minard  
 Raelle Alexandria Peterson  
 Ashayna Jhaeana Peice  
 Delahna Roddy  
 Anthony Rodriguez  
 Breyana Simone Russ

Anthony Anto Salter Jr.  
 Leonel Pete Soto  
 Tyler Smith  
 Matthew J. Tinsley  
 Brandon Josimar Urziquena  
 Bryan Leonardo Urziquena  
 Brittany Ware  
 Charissa Jimmy Walton  
 DeAngelo Lanel Williams  
 Kendrick T. Williams Jr.  
 Maurika Veronica Williams



# Class of 2010 Sophomores

Yamara Albi  
Pamela Padilla  
Yamara Salazar  
Leticia Morales  
Marta Morales  
William Salas  
Yamara Albi  
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Jefferson Alvarado  
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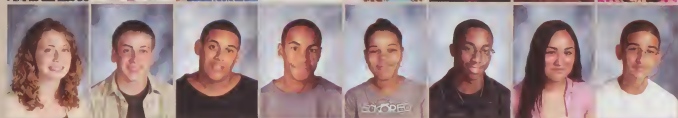
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*Gracelyn Taylor*  
*Brian Powell*  
*Amelia Myers*  
*Michael Peltier*  
*Marissa Peltier*  
*Nicholas Peltier*  
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*Zachary Pappell*  
*Sasha Franklin*  
*Kim Miller*  
*Alexander Guesey*  
*Madison Guesey*  
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*Adrian Gustin*  
*Amber Gustin-Potter*  
*Elizabeth Gustin*  
*Sebastian Peterson*  
*James Gustin*  
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*Scott Smith*  
*Heather Giese*  
*Angie Carlson*  
*Matthew Falkner*  
*Kenneth Coxson*  
*Myron Gonzalez*  
*Perry Gordon*  
*Michael Lombard*



*Zachary Lebaron*  
*Kayla Pratt*  
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Kathleen Tamm  
Travis Carter  
Roxie Thompson

James Travis  
Desiree Thomas  
Samuel Thompson  
Crystal Vagstad  
Frankie Vahlsten  
Angela East  
Nicole Vandy  
Natalie Vansant

Nicholas Vianco  
John Vire  
Jasmine Wade  
Bessie Walker  
Candell Walker  
Donald Walker  
Brandon Walker  
Amber Walls

Frederick Ward Jr.  
Deatrice Ware  
Julian Washington  
Kevin Washington  
Anthony Watson Jr.  
Anthony Wawerzysak  
Zachary Wells  
Jeremy Wengel

Joseph White  
Miranda White  
Marlee Whitaker  
Joseph Whitaker  
Kelly Wiggins II  
Andrew Wilkerson  
Aiden Wilkerson  
Jacob Williams

Tanise Williams  
Cameron Williamson  
Whitney Williamson  
Andrew Wilson  
Paige Wilson  
Bessie Witherspoon  
Shannon Wood  
Casey Woodard

Christian Woodberry  
Ryan Woods  
Chambers Wray  
Dawn Wright Jr.  
Logan Wright-Ritch  
Rodney Yarbro  
Theresa Yugo  
Elizabeth Zastula

## Sophomores not pictured

David Zula  
Justin Zimmerman

Andrew Laus Amador  
Michael Antonoski  
Eric William Black  
Hillard Black  
Angel Carl Blankenship  
Kristina Carter  
Brandy Conner  
Maurice Desmond Cox  
Bryanna Sheldell Davis  
Parker C Douglas  
Frederick Elston  
Michael Ramone Fayson  
Ashley Lynette Fusch  
Brandon Jamie Fleming

Shantel Shaker Gilman  
Justin Hanger  
Jonathan Odysse Harmon  
Tobias Herrera  
Tibeneo Malika Huff  
Ronald Wayne Jackson III  
Cameron Johnson  
Hector Fabian Magallanes  
Briana Rosette Miller  
Mari Moore  
Misty Pusché Pratt  
Hassan K Schwartz  
Jamelia Sistrunk  
Tuesday deVonte Smith

John Schoole  
Darius Al Shamsi  
Jerald Alfonso Thomas  
Amber Renee Todd  
Jovan Rista Torres  
Brandi Vebos  
LaQuenda Tatemu Verner  
Nicholas Jason Vianco  
Kayla Williams  
Christopher Louis Wilson  
Kassandra Yeckey  
Catherine Zurawicz



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# Juniors

Joseph Abad  
Saeed Abdallah  
Benama Abbas  
Brandon Adams  
Jennae Adams  
Elisha Alami  
Kenneth Albee  
Jasmin Aldeyde

James Allen III  
David Alievare  
Jacob Alvarez  
Jasriel Alvarez  
Kerstin Alvarez  
Michelle Ambrose  
Andree Anderson  
Brian Anderson

Ishia Anderson  
Jeffery Anderson  
Katherine Anderson  
Ricky Anderson  
Christopher Andrusch  
Latina Andrews  
Christian Anthony  
Nicholas Antich

Marco Arsenio  
Amir Arsham  
Yan Arsham  
Loretta Aubrey-Mansell  
Gerald Baker  
Dorian Baker  
Marshall Baldwin  
Kathryn Bannishel

Brana Bandy  
Courtney Banzhoff  
Sam Barnack  
Anthony Barnes  
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Kiara Barnes  
Tiana Barnes  
Ruben Barnett

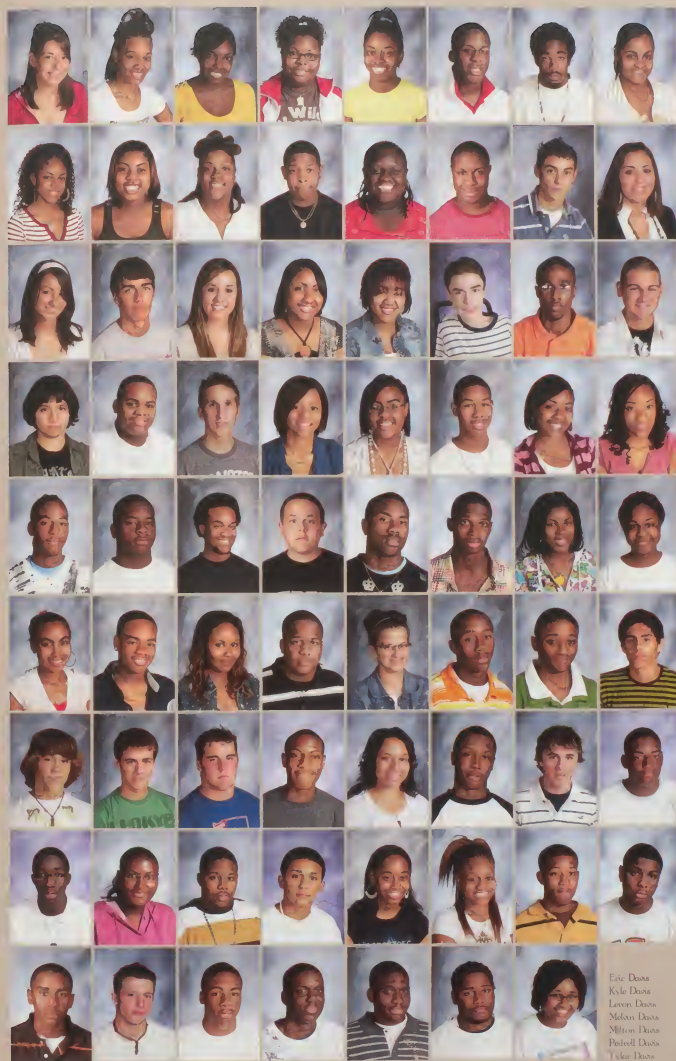
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Darius Battle  
Cassidy Beasley  
Denise Beatty  
Jonathan Beechfield  
Catherine Bergan  
Justin Bernard

Brian Betak  
Ryan Bishop  
Phillip Bishop  
Jasmine Bickel  
Benama Bloom  
Ashlyn Blount  
Danielle Bly  
Cora Bonadue



Brenda Bland  
Nicola Branson  
Francis C. Branson  
Lindsey Branson  
Christopher Branson  
William Branson  
Darius Branson





Alyson Bennett  
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Shelvia Berke  
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Mad Berke  
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**Victoria Davis**

Jonathan Davidson

Dante Day

Ronahaven Day

Christopher Deane

Chantal Dejean

Matthew Demetrius

Marleyk Dennis

**Victoria DeSoto**

Dante Diamond

Le Julian Diaz

Jana Dekerson

Jade Dixon

Kethi Dokkers II

Niko Donald

Carey Dosses

**Curt Doss**

Paula Drexler

Felicia Dudley

William Eklund

Pearen Earl

Anastasia Early

Kaylen Eaton

Nathaniel Edge

**Sammi El-Quasbi**

Roshia Ellen

Wynette Ellis

Paloma Escalante

Laurin Evans

Michael Farney

Charles Farney IV

Destin Fegarty

**Dave Faulkner**

Kenneth Ferguson

Aaron Fitts

Keyana Fitzpatrick

Kaitlin Fleming

Jodi Fleis

Robert Flores

Leah Foley

**Elliot Foley**

Marcelos Forsell

Jeremy Fountain

David Freeman Jr

Cecil Frick

Nicholas Furber

William Fykes

Laurin Gaudin

**Mylena Gaston**

Christopher Gonzalez

Zachary Gibson

Julian Ginn

Jeremy Giebre

Breonna Glass

Joshua Glavin

Leann Grillo

**Brandon Grebo**

Mitchell Gredley

Jacob Grimes

Michael Gonzalez

Andrew Goudczyk

Robert Goudry

Terrence Goudry

Daanide Govey



Kaitlin Grimes

Charles Grisham

Delores Griffin

Audrene Griggs

Cristina Grizman

Sabrina Haskard-Ramsey

Kayla Johnson





Kevin Harvey  
Ashley Harris  
Andrew Hartman  
Michael Hartman  
Megan Harris  
Kameron Harper  
Clinton Harris  
Dominique Harris

Jordan Harris  
Russell Harris  
Staci Harris  
Arielle Hartman  
Robert Hartman  
Stephanie Hart  
Stephen Hart  
Francine Harvey

Dashauna Harist  
Cullen Henry  
Angelina Hernandez  
Jessica Hernandez  
Eric Herzog  
Andrew Hibbler  
Heather Hicks  
Michael Highlan

Kerry Highsmith  
Joshua Hight  
Betsy Hill-Pearson  
Ashley Hite  
Jasmine Hobbs  
Jerry Holcomb Jr  
Adeniyah Holden  
Dominique Holliday

Ashlynn Hopkins  
Matthew Hosokoy  
Nooshan Hudben  
Kelley Hunter  
Evelyn Ink  
Ahmad Ison  
Arisa Isley  
Demetrius Jackson

Jaquelyn Jackson  
Cassandra Jenkins  
Natalia Jimenez  
Bianca Johnson  
Hayley Johnson  
Jordan Johnson  
Kyle Johnson  
Lovelle Johnson

Michael Johnson  
Zachary Johnson  
Cassandra Jones  
Dashaun Jones  
Deja Jones  
Deshaun Jones  
Jamal Jones  
Kristina Jones

Karon Jones  
Martiana Jones  
Shavon Jones  
Art Jones Jr  
Jonathan Jordan  
Robbie Jordan  
Ryan Jordan  
Aaron Koz Smieszko

Kristie Kauer  
Andrew Kellek  
Quinn Kelly  
William Kelly  
Malissa Kephart  
Evan Koster  
Heather Kiel



*Philip King*  
*David King*  
*Joseph King*  
*Raul Ritecki*  
*Kirsten Kobachuk*  
*Patrick Kolbert*  
*James Kotela*  
*Ashlyn Kotul*

*Jonathan Kovachuk*  
*Mallory Lancaster*  
*Ronald Landrum*  
*Adam Laturno*  
*Da'nesha Lee*  
*Joshua Leeks*  
*Tiffany Leicht*  
*Candace Lery*

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*Joshua Liddell*  
*Deshae Locascio*  
*Christopher Logan*  
*James Long*  
*Jaime Lopez*  
*Donomique Love*  
*Anthony Lucas*

*Victoria Lucif*  
*Ramon Luna*  
*Katalin Lunsford*  
*Kyle Lunsford*  
*Dolapo Maccarty*  
*Mariana Madry*  
*Alicia Magana*  
*Michael Mayo*

*Kreshanna Mayor*  
*Roby Maldonado*  
*Desorae Malone*  
*Jaime Manna*  
*Amber Marzella*  
*Erin Maxwell*  
*Vance Marquez*  
*Jesse Martinez*

*Angela Mast*  
*Joseph Matczak*  
*Andre Mathias*  
*Kashia Mathis*  
*Nolan Mayberry*  
*Carol Mayfield*  
*Mathew Mayo de*  
*Jaylen McCall*

*Leyanette McDowell*  
*Daniel McGee*  
*Karon McGee*  
*Rhonda McGuire*  
*William Melley*  
*Robert McKee*  
*Benjamin McKoon*  
*Dillon Meadows*

*Lecenia Meeker*  
*Kavita Meles*  
*Wendy Mendez*  
*Bethany Mendoza*  
*Stephanie Mercaldi*  
*Sam Meris*  
*Savvy Mesa*  
*Charles Mihal*



*Shelly Williams*  
*Tamisha Wilson*  
*Nashia Wilson*  
*Jessica Willer*  
*Michelle Winard*  
*Jonathan Winchell*  
*Nicholas Winfrey*





Daniela Moore  
Tiana Monroe  
Ortega, Noreen  
Renee Noreen  
Ashley Norris  
Katie Norris  
Mia Noreen  
Jana Noreen



Marlene Myers  
Matthew Nathan  
Matthew Nene  
Adrian Noreen  
Nicholas Noreen  
Joseph Noreen  
Tina Noreen  
Rebecca Noreen



Napoleon Noreen  
Nina Noreen  
Cody Noreen  
Bernard Noreen  
Jonathan Noreen  
Kevin C. Noreen  
Joan Noreen  
Terence Noreen



Kenneth Ochoa Jr.  
Wili Ochoa  
Michael Olsen  
Nathaniel Ortega  
David Ortiz  
Michael Ochoa  
Edward Ochoa  
Stephen Ochoa



Amelia Ochoa  
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Teresa Ochoa  
Kenna Ochoa  
Shane Ochoa



Jacob Ochoa  
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Joshua Ochoa  
Christina Ochoa  
Alexander Ochoa  
Eduardo Ochoa  
April Ochoa



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 Lesley Richmond  
 Alyssa Richmond  
 Davius Richmond  
 Vanessa Riley  
 Daniel Rios  
 Jose Rivas



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 Kenora Robertson  
 Wilbur Robertson  
 Charise Robertson  
 Lance Robinson  
 Latifa Robinson  
 Shebeck Robinson Jr.



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 Dominique Ross  
 Nichelle Ross  
 Bernita Roy  
 Megan Rutledge  
 Matthew Rzesut  
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 Alexander Salinas  
 Elijah Sanchez  
 Maria Sanchez  
 Suzette Sanchez  
 Mariah Sanders  
 Michael Sandridge



Kelly Sarsfield  
 Ryan Schaefer  
 Mariah Schmidt  
 Deana Schwabbe  
 Cakes Scott  
 Justin Scott  
 Samantha Sevaick  
 Jonathan Shanon



Derek Shaw  
 Tami Simpson  
 Kendal Sims  
 Anasha Smith  
 Chase Smith  
 Shawn Smith  
 Ryan Smith  
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Brian Smith Jr.  
 Ashley Sokolowski  
 Nolan Solomon  
 Matthew Sorenson  
 Zachary Sowinski  
 Monica Spence  
 Alacia Spence  
 Jalisa Spence



Laverne Spence  
 Carolyn Spore  
 Amanda Spradue  
 Joshua Stacker  
 Samuel Stewart  
 Emily Stoyda  
 Christopher Sticks



Kelly Strickland  
 Kayla Strawn  
 Michael Sutter  
 Francisco Sautik  
 Nancy Tapia  
 Kate Tarr  
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Arten / *Arten*  
 Aublyn Taylor  
 Beardon Taylor  
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 Meldon Vasquez  
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Cassie / *Cassie*  
 Colton Tucker  
 Jennifer Tucker  
 Harold Turner  
 Julian Turner  
 Tiana Turner  
 Katrina Underhill  
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 Brian Williams Jr.  
 Blake Willis  
 Christian Wilson  
 Justin Winters  
 Erik Wise  
 Nicholas Wolke

Karina Woodfork  
 Kenneth Woodfork  
 Ashley Woods  
 Tawyn Woods  
 Devin Woodson Jr.  
 Anthony Wright  
 Dorene Wright



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# Juniors

Eugene Wright  
Adrian Yano  
Michael Yano Jr.  
Jasmine Yonahood  
Raymond Zouka  
Matthew Zoko  
Jose Zendeja Jr.



What do you look forward to most about being a senior?

## Juniors not pictured

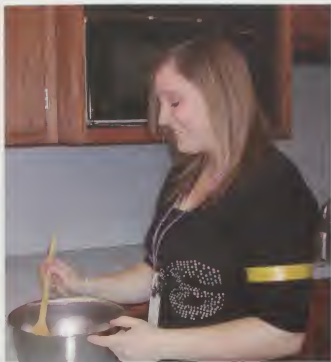
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Jasmine Garcia  
Torrence Hamilton  
Allante Harvey  
Kiara Hay  
Fatima Hernandez  
Melody Hollins  
J D Johnson III  
Carl Jones, Jr.  
Mariah Jones  
James Lewis  
Ray Lewis  
Carlos Lowe  
Tremaine Moore  
Nicholas Parker  
Antoine Patterson

Brittany Patterson  
Shedrick Robinson, Jr.  
Tyanna Salter  
Xavier Smith  
Keith Thomas  
Jeremy Walker  
Cristan Washington  
Jasmine Woods  
Raymond Berden  
Destiny Brown  
Tyeshia Brown  
Travis Bullock  
Thomas Dalton  
Taylor Douglas  
Phillip Evans, Jr.

"I am looking forward to graduating and knowing that it's the last year. Just having fun." Junior Denice Carbajal said Carbajal said she is not going to miss the disrespect from the upperclassmen.



What did you dislike most about being an underclassman?



Mixing ingredients in cooking class, Junior Brenda Roy said that she hated "being picked on by my friends that were seniors while I was a freshman."

"I actually had pretty good underclass years. I mostly hung out with the upperclassmen," Junior Lovielle Johnson said of her younger high school years.

What are you going to miss most about being underclass?



Conversing with Seniors while at lunch, Junior Jasmine Jones said, "I'll miss my [graduating] friends the most. I'll miss the environment. I'm scared to grow up."





# Senior Sensations





Ashley Adams



Cartier Adams  
MHS Fashion Show 12;  
Yearbook 12



Pandora Rogers  
Choral Teens 11-12; Fall  
Play 10-12; Varsity Choir  
9; Velveteens 10; Vocal  
Teens 11-12



Antonisha Alexander



Josh Alexander  
CAD 11-12;  
Teens for Christ 9



Vanessa Alexander  
Choral Teens 12; Color  
Guard 9-12; Color Guard  
Captain 12; Concert Choir  
10; Diving 9-12; Diving  
Captain 12; French Club 9-  
12; National Honor Society  
12; Show Choir 9; Teacher  
Aide 11-12; Varsity Choir  
9; Velveteens 11



Christian Allen  
Building Trades 12



Karman Allen  
FOCLA 11-12; Key Club  
10-12; Orchestra 9-11;  
Peer Helper 12; STAND  
12; Teacher Aide 11; Track  
9-10



Jessica Aloto  
Teacher Aide 11-12



Mychal Archibald  
Drama Club 11-12



Bianca Armand



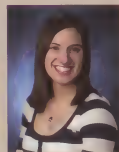
Martin Aznar  
Basketball 9; Football 9



Angella Baker



Karvin Balke  
Aide 11-12; NHS 11-12  
Soccer 9-12; State  
Finalist 10; State Qualifier  
11-12; Swimming 9-12;  
Swimming Captain 12;  
Track 12



Katie Balko  
Aide 11; MPAC 10-12  
Soccer 9-12; Soccer  
Captain 11-12; Soccer  
Most Improved 9; State  
Finalist 10; State Qualifier  
11-12; Swimming MVP  
9 11-12; Swimming 9-12;  
Swimming Captain 11;  
Track 12; Yearbook 12; YB  
Sports Editor 12



Rodney Ballant



Elizabeth Bandy  
Autoshop 11; Chess Club  
9-10; French Club 9-12;  
Orchestra 9-10; Yearbook  
12; YB Sophomore Editor  
12



Ricardo A. Barksdale  
Basketball 9



Elizabeth Baumann  
Orchestra 9-11; Swimming  
9-10



Shakira Bell  
Choral Teens 11-12;  
Fall Play 10-12; FEA 12;  
Spring Play 12; Teens for  
Christ 11-12; Varsity Choir  
9; Velveteens 10



Kelsey Beshgars  
Chess Club 9-10; Drama  
Club 10-12; Fall Play  
10-11; German Club 9-12;  
Officer 12; Newspaper 12;  
Revue 12; Spell Bowl 10;  
Spring Play 12; Thespians  
10-12; Track 12; Varsity  
Choir 9; Velveteens 10;  
Choral Teens 11; Vocal  
Teens 12



Steven Bhe  
NHS 11-12; Newspaper  
11-12; Newspaper Editor  
12; Pirate Council 12; Quill  
and Scroll 11-12; Student  
Government 12



Trevor Branch  
CAD 11-12; Hockey 11-12;  
NHS 11-12; Prom Court 11





*Rachelle Lynn Inckel*  
Ouli and Scroll 12; Soccer  
Manger 11; Teacher  
Aide 11-12; Yearbook  
12; Yearbook Freshman  
Editor 12; Yearbook Senior  
Editor 12



*Shannon Bier*  
Concert 9; SOSA 9-12;  
Drama Club 12; FEA 12;  
FEA Officer 12; Key Club  
9-10; Key Club Officer 10;  
Newspaper 12; Spanish  
Club 9-12; Spanish Club  
Officer 11



*Seth Binkley*  
Autoshop 11; Cross  
Country 9-12; Cross  
Country 12; Orchestra  
9-10; Track 9-12



*Dustin Blacklock*  
Baseball 9-12; Baseball  
Captain 12; Teacher Aide  
11-12



*Destiny Blink*  
Drill Team 10-12;  
Homecoming Football  
Queen 12; Most  
Outstanding ROTC 10;  
STAND 9



*Joshua Blow*  
Baseball 12; Lip Sync 11-  
12; Teacher Aide 12



*Mark Bobrowsky*  
Autoshop 12; Band 9;  
Baseball 9-12; Baseball  
Captain 12; Basketball  
9; Tennis 12; Tennis  
Captain 12



*Desiree Marquis*  
*Bolden*  
Band 9-12; FEA Officer 12;  
STAND 10-12; Teens for  
Christ 12



*David Michael Bonilla*  
Academic Super Bowl  
10-12; Class Pres. 9-11;  
FEA 12; Football 9; Spell  
Bowl Team 10-12; St Gov  
9-12; Student Gov Exec  
President 12



*Jessica Boutsier*  
Class Officer 9-11; Class  
Gov 9-12; Cross Country  
9-12; Cross Country  
Captain 12; MPAC 11-12;  
NHS 11-12; St Gov 9-12;  
St Gov Officer 9-12;  
Teacher Aide 12; Track  
9-12



*Carlton Braxley*  
Baseball 10-11; CAD  
11-12; FEA 12; Soccer 12;  
Track 9-10, 12



*Marketh Bray*  
Cheerleading 9-12;  
Cheerleader Captain 12;  
French Club 12; PNN 11



*Tyrone Bray*



*Lennie Britt*  
Athletic trainer 10;  
Basketball 9; Cheerleading  
10-12



*Keshard Brown*  
Teacher Aide 12



*Thomas Brown*



*Tanner Brown*  
NHS 11-12; Orchestra  
9-12; Spell Bowl Team 10-  
12; STAND 10



*Addislen Burke*  
Autoshop 12; Teens for  
Christ 12



*Amishah J Butler*  
Class Gov 12; Diving 9-10;  
Handbell Choir 10-12; Lip  
Sync 10; NHS 12; Aide 12;  
Spanish Club 12; STAND  
10-12; St Gov 12; Teacher  
Aide 12; Varsity Choir 9



*Averil Butts*  
Peer Helper 11; Swimming  
9-12; Volleyball 9



*Raul Campbell*



*Charles Campos*  
Autoshop 10-12; Baseball  
9-12; Baseball Captain  
12; Football 9-10; Teacher  
Aide 11; Tennis 11-12;  
Tennis Captain 12;  
Wrestling 10-11



*Roberto Canales*



*Rafael Cardenas*  
Autoshop 12



Brittany Carrington  
Lip Sync 12



Edward Carter  
Football 11-12; Track  
11-12



Daniel Caruana



Brian Casady  
CAD 11-12; Swimming  
11-12



Alyssa Cast



Tammie C. Corder  
Concert Choir 9-12



Celestine J. Church  
HERO 11



Amanda Churilla  
FCCLA 9-10, 12; FCCLA  
Officer 10; Soccer 9-12



Chanté Clanton  
Basketball 9; Concert  
Choir 9; Handbell Choir



Lynda Clark  
Basketball 9; Cheerleading  
9; ROTC 11



Brandon Clements  
JROTC 10-12 Lip Sync  
11-12; PNN 12



Zane Clements  
Aide 12; AutoShop 9;  
Football 9-10; STAND 9;  
Teacher Aide 12



Jennifer Cleveland  
National Spanish Test 11



Alysa Cody  
Basketball 9-10



Robert Coghill



Simone Coleman



Corina Collins  
Peer Helper, Quiz Bowl



Kyle Collins  
Aide 9; Business  
Professionals of America  
12; Football 9-10; French  
Club 9-11; German Club  
12; Cross Country 12;  
Decathlon Team 11;  
FCCLA 11-12; FCCLA  
Officer 12; NHS 11-12;  
STAND 9-12; Teens for  
Christ 11; Track 11-12



Ashley Contreras  
Aide 12; Tennis 9-  
12; Tennis Captain  
12; Volleyball 9-12;  
Weightlifting Competition



Abigail Cook



Jahwon Cook



Clay Cooper  
Baseball 9-10; Basketball  
9; Football 9-12



Jeremy Coto  
Orchestra 9-12



Sheri Counts  
Aide 11-12



*Alan Craggs*  
CAD 11; Concert Choir  
9; NHS 12; Teacher Aide  
11-12; STAND 11-12



*Joshua Cravie*  
Cheerleading 9-10; Cross  
Country 11; Eagles Scout  
9; Hoosiers Boys State 12;  
Orchestra 9-12; Revue 10;  
Swimming 11-12



*Courtney B. Crenshaw*  
Band 9-12; CAD 9, 11-12;  
Super Bowl 9-12



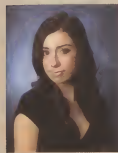
*Britney Cruise*  
Basketball 9-12;  
Homecoming Court  
Basketball 9-10;  
Homecoming Princess  
Basketball 9; MPAC;  
Teacher Aide 12; Varsity  
Choir 9-10



*Jose Cruz*  
Peer Mediator 9-10;  
Recycling 12; Swimming  
9; Track 9; Wrestling  
9; Yearbook 12



*Bryan A. Cyran*  
Autoshop 11; Building  
Trades 12; CAD 10;  
Teacher Aide 9



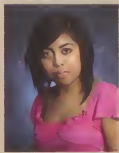
*Nonanthe Dalls*  
Dance Team 9-12; Dance  
Team Captain 11-12; St  
Gov 12; Teacher Aide 12



*Simone Davis*  
Color Guard 10-11; Drama  
Club 10; Prom Committee  
11-12; Revue 12; Spanish  
Club 12; Spell Bowl Team  
10; STAND 9-12; St Gov  
11; Teacher Aide 11-12;  
Winter Guard 10



*Thomas Dawy*  
Aide 10, 12



*Molly Decker*  
Dance Team 10; FCCLA  
11-12; HERO 12



*Courtney Deming*  
Cross Country 12;  
Gymnastics 9-12;  
Gymnastics Captain 12;  
SADD 10; Football Trainer  
10-12; Teachers Aide 11-12;  
Teens for Christ 11-12;  
Track 10-12; Weightlifting  
Competition 12



*Antonia Dominga*



*Danielle Donohue*  
Color Guard 10; St Gov  
12; Teacher Aide 12;  
Winter Guard 10



*Nicholas Diehl*  
Football 9-12; Football  
Captain 12; NHS 11-12;  
PNN 12; Track 9-12;  
Weightlifting Competition  
10, 12



*Linnise M. Dixon*  
Band 9-11; STAND 11-12;  
Football Manager 11-12;  
Teacher Aide 12; Track  
11-12



*Takesha Deckery*  
Band 9; Basketball 9-12;  
Track 9-12



*Deing Demitrius*  
Baseball 9-12; Baseball  
Captain 12; Choral Teens  
10; Drama Club 12; Fall  
Play 11; Show Choir 9;  
Vocal Teens 12



*Stephanie Denchine*  
Concert Choir; NHS 12;  
Teacher Aide 12; Tennis  
9-12



*Core Dorey*



*Robert Dwyer*  
Basketball 10; Football  
11-12



*Samuel Eby*  
Baseball 9; FCCLA 10;  
French 10-12; Revue 12



*Emanuel England*



*Kessia Enfield*





*Charissa Escalante*  
Prom Court 11; Soccer 11;  
STAND 12; Track Manager  
10-11; Teacher Aide 11-12



*Erica Fazio*  
Swimming 9-10



*John Fecaretti*  
Basketball 9; Teacher  
Aide 12; Weightlifting  
Competition 12



*Chelsea Marie Feggs*  
Aide 10-11; Autoshop 11;  
German Club 9; Swimming  
9-10; Yearbook 12



*Elisabeth Fikser*



*Caitlin Frank*



*Kaiti Ferguson*



*Mike Ferguson*  
Soccer 9-12; Soccer  
Captain 12; Teacher Aide  
12; Teens for Christ 9;  
Track 9-12



*Michael N. Frisch II*  
Band 9-12; Drumline 9-12;  
Teacher Aide 12



*Charnd Forbes*  
Bowling Team 12;  
Cheerleading 9; Choral  
Teens 11-12; PNN 11-12;  
STAND 12; Varsity Choir  
9; Velvetens 10



*Jhessa Foster*



*Tasha Garton*



*Trinity Garcia*



*Cassandria Garcia*  
Brigman  
French Club 11-12; French  
Club Officer 12; Orchestra  
9-10; Planetarium 9  
Key Club 11-12; Orchestra  
9-12; Spanish Club 9



*Assamin L. Gannon*  
Class Officer Vice President  
12; Class Government 12;  
Spanish Club 10; STAND  
12; Student Government 12;  
Student Trainer (Football,  
G. Basketball) 11-12;  
Teacher Aide 12; Track 11-  
12; Volleyball 9; Volleyball  
Captain 9



*Jacynni Garrett*  
Key Club 12



*Shaunteeresh Gates*  
Volleyball 9



*Lee Gil*



*Kandisae Goethe*



*Elijah Griffin*



*Amanda Kay Gonzales*  
Aide 12; Decathlon Team 11-  
12; FEA 12; French Club 11-12;  
French Club President 12;  
Newspaper 12; Pirate Council  
12; Orch 9-11; Peer Helper 12;  
St. Gov 12; Swimming 10-11;  
YB 12; Yearbook Lifestyles  
Ed 12



*Marques A. Good*  
Teacher Aide 11-12; Tennis  
9-10



*Neveena Goodrich*  
Basketball 9; Spanish Club  
9-10; Teacher Aide 11





*Amber Gaskin*



*Mike Coughlin*  
Band 9-10; Cross Country  
10-12; Hoosier Boys State;  
NHS 11-12; PNN 12;  
Teens for Christ 9; Track  
9-12



*John Connor*  
Autoshop 12; Band 9-10;  
Building Trades 11-12;  
Drumline 9-10; Football  
11-12; Track 10-11



*Marquise Greene*



*Michael Anthony  
Green Jr.*  
Basketball 9-12;  
Basketball Captain 9-10



*Anthony Karam*  
(Sponsor)



*Megan Leigh Cunniff*  
Orchestra 9-12; STAND  
9; Swimming 11-12; Track  
9-12



*Steven Hult*  
CAD 12; Football 9;  
German Club 10-12;  
Planetarium 9



*Jonathan Teert  
Hachon*  
Band 9-10; Drumline 9-11;  
Football 9; JROTC 11-12



*Sally Lynn Hays*  
Art Club 12; SOSA 12;  
French Club 10-12; Key  
Club 10; STAND 9-12;  
STAND Officer 10; Tennis  
9-10; Recycling 12



*Katherine Harold*  
Choral Teens 11; Drama  
Club 10-11; Fall Play 9-11;  
NHS 11-12; Show Choir  
9-11; Soccer 9-12; STAND  
11-12; STAND Officer 12;  
Swimming 9; Varsity Choir  
9; Velvetens 10



*Anthony Harris*  
NHS 9



*Britany Harris*  
Gary Career Center 11-12;  
STAND 9-11



*Britany Harris*  
Color Guard 9;  
Environmental Club 12;  
Soccer 11; Spring Play  
9; STAND 9; Student  
Manager (Football) 10



*Mia Harris*



*Debra Husted*  
Color Guard 11-12; Drama  
Club 10-12; Fall Play  
10-12; Show Choir 11-12;  
Soccer 9-12; Teacher  
Aide 12; Thespians 10-12;  
Velvetens 10; Varsity  
Choir 9; Choral Teens  
11-12



*Dennis Hart*  
CAD 10; HERO 12



*Lindsey Hamber*  
Advanced Handbell Choir;  
Cheerleading 9-10; PNN  
10; Prom Committee 12;  
SADD 11; Teacher Aide  
10-12; Varsity Choir 9;  
Yearbook 11; Yearbook  
Clubs Activities Editor 11



*Laura Beth Hargarten*  
Stand 10; JROTC 10-12



*Lauren Haskins*  
Band 9-10; French Club  
11-12; Winter Guard 10



*Kayla Hand Watson*  
NHS 11-12; Spanish Club  
9; STAND 10



*Maxwell K.R. Hearn*  
Drill Team 11; Track 11-12



*Eric Henthorn*  
Band 9-12; NHS 11-12;  
Revue 10



*Britany Lynn  
Hadenham*  
FCLATO; Key Club 10;  
St. Gov 11; Teacher Aide  
12



*Michael Heiser*  
Boys Soccer Manager 11;  
FEA 12; Key Club 9-12;  
STAND 10



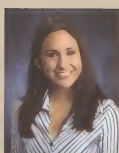
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Aide 11-12 Key Club  
9-12; St Gov 11-12; St  
Gov Officer 12; Yearbook  
11-12; Yearbook Senior  
Editor 12



*Briana Heven*  
Boys & Girls Basketball  
Trainer 10-12; Football  
Trainer 10-12; Boys Track  
Manager 11-12; SADD 11-  
12; Teacher Aide 11



*Kylie Hererra*  
Aide 11-12



*Liana Hererra*  
Key Club 9



*Ambrosia Hill*  
Aide 10; STAND 12;  
Track 9



*La'Tia Chantelle Hill*  
Class Secretary 12; Class  
Gov 12; Orchestra 9-12;  
Spanish Club 10; St Gov  
12



*Anthony Hissman*



*Jasmine Hoshen*  
Basketball 9



*Joshua Helcomb*  
Choral Teens 10, 12;  
Concert Choir 10; STAND  
11-12; Teens for Christ  
9-12; Track Captain 11-12;  
Vocal Teens 10



*Tiffany Holland*  
Aide 12; Spell Bowl Team  
12



*Casey Holte*  
Class Gov 11-12; Concert  
Choir 9; Decathlon Team  
11-12; NHS 11-12; St Gov  
9-10; Teacher Aide 11-12



*Seneca Hopson*  
Aide 11; HERO 12



*Brandon Hoskins*



*Brandon Howard*  
Basketball 10; Football  
9-10, 12



*Candice Howard*  
Key Club 12; Prom  
Committee 12; STAND 12



*Kristen de Hoyes*  
Orchestra 9-12; P.N.W. 12;  
Prom Court 11; Tennis  
9-12; Volleyball 9-12;  
Volleyball Captain 12



*Sierra Jackson*  
Basketball 9; JROTC 9-10



*Kristina Jakubowski*  
FEA 12; Football 10-12



*Gregory Johnson*  
Autoshop 11-12; Golf  
10; Soccer 9-12; Soccer  
Captain 12



*Jacqueline Jefferson*  
Revue 11-12; Track 9-12;  
Yearbook 12



*Brianna Jenkins*  
Class Officer 9-10; Class Gov  
9-12; CC 10; Fall Play 10-11;  
HC Court FB 12; HC Court BB  
9-10; Lip Sync 11; NHS 11-12;  
Revue 10; STAND 10; St Gov  
9-12; Track 10; Variety Choir 9;  
Vocalists 10; Choral Teens  
and Vocalists 11-12



*Ashlee Jones*  
Color Guard 10; Fall Play 9;  
STAND 9-10; STAND Officer  
10; St Gov 12; Winter Guard  
10; Winter Guard Captain 10



*Brandon Johnson*



*Derek Johnson*



*Jennifer C. Johnson*  
Basketball 9; FCCLA 11-12



*Brett Johnson*  
German Club 10, German  
Club Officer 11-12; Spell  
Bowl Team 12



*Jillian Johnson*  
Aide 10-11, Softball  
9-11; Volleyball 9-10;  
Yearbook 12; Yearbook  
Junior Editor 12



*Nicole Johnson*  
Band 9-11, Volleyball  
Manager 9-10



*Rita Jones*  
Varsity Choir 12



*Tashona Jones*



*Tashona Jones*



*Walter Jones*



*Daniel Jutkus*  
Aide 12; Baseball 9-12;  
CAD 10-12; Swimming 9-12;  
Swimming Captain 11-12;  
Weighting Competition 12



*Danielle Kacmar*  
Band 9-11; Drill Team 9-10;  
FCCLA 9-10; German  
Club 9-10; ROTC 9-12



*Brandon Kaplan*  
CAD 10-12; Football 10;  
Hockey 12; Prom Court  
11; STAND 9-12; STAND  
Officer 10-12; Track 9-12



*Jacob Kaplan*  
Decathlon 11-12; NHS  
11-12; Orchestra 9-12; St  
Gov 9



*Robert Kaplan*  
PNN 10-12; STAND 9-10;  
St Advisory Committee  
11-12



*Felicia Kelszew*  
Aide 11-12; FCCLA 10-12;  
Softball 10-11



*Marissa Kendrick*



*Andrew Kishon*  
Autoshop 11-12; MPAC 11;  
Wrestling 9-12; Wrestling  
Captain 12



*Jolisa King*  
Basketball Trainer 10;  
Cheerleading 9-10;  
Football Trainer 10; Key  
Club 10-12; PNN 10-12;  
PNN Senior Advisor 12;  
Prom Court 11; Prom  
Queen 11; Senior Video  
Editor 12; Tennis 9-12;  
Tennis Captain 12



*Shannon Kisey*  
Aide 12; Cheerleading  
9-10; Class Gov 12; FEA  
12; Football Trainer 10, 12;  
Track 9-12



*Michelle Koster*  
PNN 11-12; Soccer 9-12;  
Soccer MVP 11



*Leann Klein*  
Soccer 12



*Jean Klossberg*  
Drama Club 12, Fall Play  
12



*Kristynn Kott*  
Aide 11-12; Cheerleader  
11-12; French Club 9-12;  
PNN 11-12; Soccer 10-12;  
Softball 9-11; Winter  
Guard Captain 10





*Amssa Laittte*  
Aide 12; Band 9-11;  
Football Trainer 10;  
Softball 9-12; STAND 9-12; Volleyball 9



*Aruchi Lagunas*  
Aide 11; Football Trainer  
10; Varsity Choir 9



*Kyle Lamm*  
Autoshop 11-12



*Martha Langschin*  
Volleyball 9-10



*Anthony Lapinto*  
Track 9-12



*Pedro Lazo*  
Aide 12; Senior President  
Class Gov 9-12; Key Club  
9-12; Key Club Governor 12;  
Lt Governor 11; Key Club  
Officer 10-12; Orchestra  
9-12; Prom Committee 9;  
Prom Court 11; Prom King  
11; STAND 10-12; STAND  
Officer 12; St Gov 9-12; St  
Gov Officer 10-11



*Benjamin Lee*  
Baseball 9; Basketball  
9-12; Basketball Captain  
9-12; Chess Club 9-12;  
Football 12; French 9-12;  
Weightlifting Competition  
9-12; Weightlifting  
Competition Champion  
11-12



*Shantisha Leslie*



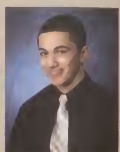
*Michael Light II*



*Nadine Lipp*  
Color Guard 10-12; Color  
Guard 12; FCCLA 10-12;  
St Gov 12



*Jew Lapscomb IV*



*Matthew Latrell*  
Football 9-10; STAND 10  
Track 12; Wrestling 12



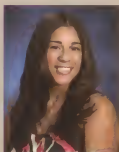
*Arielle Lapswood*



*Shalyn Linder*  
SOSA 9; Decathlon Team  
11; Drama Club 9; ROTC  
10; Orchestra 9-12; St Gov  
11; Teacher Aide 12; Teens  
for Christ 11-12



*Janicea Long*



*Ivette Nicole Lopez*  
Cross Country 11; French  
Club President 12;  
National French Test 10;  
Orchestra 9-12; Soccer 9;  
Softball 10; STAND 11-12



*Megan Lowick*  
Class Gov 11-12; PNN 11  
Softball 9-12; SADD 10-12;  
St Gov 10-12 Teacher  
Aide 12



*Rochelle Loving*



*Anthony Lowe*  
Basketball 9-11



*Deven Lowe*



*Despina Lozowski*  
Basketball 9-12; NHS 11-12; Soccer 10-12; Soccer  
Captain 12; St Gov 11-12;  
Teacher Aide 12; Varsity  
Choir 9-10



*Terey Lutus*  
Aide 11-12; Cheerleading  
9-10; Homecoming  
Basketball Court 9; PNN  
11-12; Softball 9; Varsity  
Choir 9; Yearbook 11



*David Macon*  
Key Club 9; Soccer 10,  
STAND 9-10, 12; St Gov  
12





*Britney Maddox-Lea*  
Aide 12; Handbells 10;  
Lip Sync 10; NHS 11-12;  
Newspaper 12; Peer  
Helper 11; STAND 9-10;  
St Gov 12; Varsity Choir 9



*Latanda Maduro*  
Drill Team 10-12



*Taylor Matheson*  
Choral Teams 11-12; Key  
Club 12; Peer Helper 11;  
PNN 12; STAND 9-12;  
Track 10-12; Varsity Choir  
9; Velveteens 10



*Nadia Ahlana Mathis*  
Teacher Aide 11; Peer  
Helper 11; PNN 10-12;  
STAND 9-11; STAND  
Officer 10; Yearbook Clubs  
& Activities Editor 12



*Anthony Mastry*  
Football 11; Gary Career  
Center 11; Homecoming  
Football Court 11



*Joshua Mabe*



*Shannon Malone*  
Aide 12; Color Guard 9-10;  
Gary Career Center 11-12;  
JROTC 9-12; Key Club 9;  
Spanish Club 9; STAND  
9-10; St. Gov 11; Winter  
Guard 10



*Nathan Manning*  
Autoshop 11-12; CAD 11



*Jessica Marable*  
Revue 10; Teacher Aide  
10-11; Track 9, 11-12



*Ryan Marsh*  
Football 9-10; Swimming  
9-12



*Elizabeth A. Martin*  
Best Actress 11; Cheerleading 9;  
Choral Teams 11; Drama Club 9-12;  
Drama Club Officer 12; Fall Play  
10-12; FCCLA 11; Gymnastics  
9-10; Kids on the Block 11; MVP  
Gymnastics 9; Newspaper 12;  
Revue 10-12; Show Choir 11-12;  
Spring Play 10-12; STAND 9; St  
Gov 12; Thespians 9-12; Thespians  
Officer 12; Track 12; Velveteens 12



*Michael Mathis*  
Band 9-10; Football 9-12



*Anthony Matheson*



*Carlo Martinez*  
Wrestling 9-12; Wrestling  
Captain 12



*Corbin Masco*  
Athletic Council 10; Band  
9-10; Cross Country 9-12;  
Cross Country 11-12;  
Cross Country MVP 11-12;  
Drumline 9-10; Marine  
Biology 11-12; Teacher  
Aide 12; Track 9-12; Pirate  
Council 12



*Patricia Maynard*



*Ashlee McKnight*  
Dance Team 9-11; Softball  
10-12; STAND 12; St.  
Gov 12



*Alexandra McLaughlin*  
Aide 11-12; Best Actress in  
State 10; Choral Teams 11-12;  
Drama Club 9-12; Drama Club  
Officer 10-12; Fall Play 9-12; FEA  
10-12; Football Homecoming Court  
12; Kids on the block 9-12; Pirate  
Council 10-12; Orchestra 9-10;  
Revue 9-12; Spring Play 9-12;  
Thespians 9-12; Thespians Officer  
10-12; Winter Guard 9



*David McNaught*  
Building Trades 12; Cross  
Country 10; German Club  
9-12; Track 12



*Myron Merced*  
Aide 12; Concert Choir  
9; PNN 10; Softball 10;  
SADD 10-11; Yearbook 11;  
Yearbook Sports Editor 11



*Danielle Metoski*  
Aide 11-12; French Club  
11; NHS 11-12; Prom  
Committee 12; Varsity  
Choir 9; Handbells 10-11



*Matthew Michalski*



*Courtney Miller*  
Aide 12; Revue 9-12; St Gov 12;  
Varsity Dance Team 9-12; Varsity  
Dance Team Captain 10-12;  
Varsity Showmanship and Varsity  
MVP 10-11; Yearbook 12; YB  
Performing Arts Editor 12



*Elizabeth Mironi*  
Gary Area Career Officer  
11



Larry Mitchell Jr.  
Football 9



Brandon Melloy  
Basketball 9-10; Stand 11-12; Student Government 11



Marantz Mason



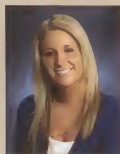
Kipp Moore



Relisha Celeste Mosay  
Class Gov. 9-10; FCCLA 11; Newspaper 11; St. Gov. 12; Yearbook 11



Raul Moreno  
Orchestra 9-11; Soccer



Dana Moxarty  
Gymnastics 9-10



Casey Morrill



Morgan Nickley  
Aide 12; Basketball 9; STAND 9,12



Ashley Muncherson  
Class Gov. 11-12; Quill and Scroll 11; SADD 10-12; St. Gov. 10-12; St. Gov. Officer 12; Teacher Aide 12; Yearbook Sports Editor 11



Darren Murphy Jr.  
Basketball 10, 12; CAD 12; STAND 11-12; Track 11



Jessica Lynnette Nason  
Aide 12; Choral Teens 11; Drama Club 9-12; Drama Club Officer 11-12; Fall Play 9-12; Golf 9-12; MVP 10; Kids on the Block 11-12; Newspaper 12; Newspaper Entertainment Editor; Revue 10-11; Spring Play 10-12; Thespians 9-12; Thespian Officer 11-12; Quill and Scroll 12; Varsity Choir 9; Varsity 10; Vocal Teens 12



Jamar Nalls  
Basketball 9; Gary Area Career Center 11-12; STAND 9



Jackie Nason  
Band 9-12; Fall Play 11; FCCLA 9; Jazz Band 9-12; NHS 11-12; Pirate Council 12; Teacher Aide 12; Volleyball 9



Kimberly Brianna Nason  
Key Club 10-11; Key Club Officer 11; Orchestra 9-12; Yearbook 12



Patrick Nawarany  
Baseball 9-12; Baseball Captain 12; PNN 12; Senior Video Editor; Student Trainer 12



Manuel Negro  
FCCLA 12



Scott Nguyen  
Teacher Aid 12; Quill and Scroll 11-12; STAND 10; Yearbook Performing Arts Editor 11



Larry Nicholas



Kortney Nicholson  
Key Club 9; Peer Helper 11; STAND 9-12; STAND Officer 11; Teens for Christ 10-12



Samantha Nick  
NHS 11-12; PNN 11-12



Marva Nikolavessi  
Concert Choir 12



Chanopra Novvel  
Aide 11-12; Key Club 10; Peer Helper 12; PNN 11; Spring Play 11; St. Gov. 10-12



Daryst Nunn II  
HERO 12; Aide 12; Revue 10



*Kianary Nunn*  
Aide 11-12; Bowling Team  
12; Handbell Choir 10-12;  
Peer Helper 11; STAND  
9-12; STAND Officer 11;  
Varsity Choir 9



*Prince Nezata*  
Decathlon Team 11;  
NHS 11-12; Orchestra  
9-11; Soccer 9-12; Soccer  
Captain 9-12;



*Lynden Cakes*



*Alex Chaudhary*  
CAD 11-12; Soccer 9-12;  
Soccer Captain 11



*Megan Marie Oliver*  
FEA 12; French Club 10;  
Key Club 12; Teacher  
Aide 12



*Danielle Panglman*



*Shantell Elizabeth  
Parks*  
Choral Teens 11-12;  
Drama Club 9; FEA 12;  
Key Club 9-10; NHS 11-  
12; Peer Helper 12; Revue  
11; Spell Bowl Team 12;  
Varsity Choir 9; Velveteens  
10; Vocal Teens 11-12



*Simay Patel*  
St Gov 11



*Anthony Patten*  
Basketball 9-12;  
Basketball Captain 11-12;  
Prom Court 11



*Matt Paul*  
Track 11-12



*Candace Pearson*  
Key Club 11-12; Key Club  
Officer 12; Orchestra 9-12;  
Prom Committee 11; Soccer  
11-12; Spanish Club 9;  
STAND 9, 12; Teens for  
Christ 9; Volleyball 9



*Kinna Pearson*



*Anthony Piek*  
STAND 12; Track 11



*Krista Pijada*  
Peer Helper 12; Teachers  
Aide 12



*Eric Pena*



*John Nathan Pinkins  
Jr.*  
AFJROTC 9-12;  
ColorGuard 9-12; Drill  
Team 9-12; Planetarium 9;  
Rifle Team; STAND 10;



*Wesli Perkins*  
NHS 11-12; Orchestra  
9-12; Tennis 9-12; Tennis  
Captain 12;



*Tamara Petersen*  
French Club 9-10; STAND  
10



*Hodan Thibodeau*  
Band 9-12; Jazz Impact  
9-11; NHS 11-12; Soccer  
9-12; Soccer Captain 11;



*Katie Picard*  
HERO 11; Key Club 9-10;  
Student Government 9-10



*DeAndre Pierce*  
Student Government 12;  
Teachers Aide 12



*Brandon Pivson*  
Basketball 9; Bowling Team  
10; Building Trades 11-12



*Gardine Pineda*





*Paul Pogorzelski II*  
Auto shop 12, CAD 10-12;  
Key Club 9-10, 12



*Cameron Postell*  
Drill Team 10; Future  
Educators of America 12;  
Football 9-12; ROTC 10;  
Weightlifting Competition  
10-12; Wrestling 11-12



*Lakend Poston*



*Jacob Potter*  
Baseball 9; Concert Choir  
9; Soccer 9-12



*Clarence Powell*  
Band 9, CAD 10-12;  
German Club 10-12



*Vanessa Powers*  
Academic Super Bowl 10  
12; Band 9-11; Decathlon  
Team 11-12; Key Club 10;  
NHS 12; Special Olympiad  
10; Teens for Christ 12



*Robert Prazniak*



*Daniel Prochowski*  
Soccer 9-11



*Jessica Pride*



*David Prieto*



*Jessica Purnian*  
Class Gov. 12; Dance  
Team 10-12; NHS 11-12;  
Teacher Aide 12; Peer  
Helper 12; Softball 9-10



*Krystie Reed*  
Choral Teens 11-12; Color  
Guard 10; Fall Play 10-11; Key  
Club 10; Key Club Officer 10;  
Office Aide 12; Spanish Club  
10-11; Spanish Club officer 10;  
Spell Bowl 12; STAND 9-12  
STAND Officer 11-12; St Gov  
10, 12; Teacher Aide 12; Varsity  
Choir 9; Velleaters 10



*Anaise Reeves*



*Jeff Rotford*  
Business Professionals of  
America 12; Track 10, 12



*Jannice Rotford*  
CAD 10-12; Science Club  
11; Track 10, 12; Track  
Captain 12



*Sarah Sabinova*



*Denmarc Richardson*  
Basketball 9; Football 9-  
12; Track 9-10, 12



*Thomas S. Riley Jr.*  
Golf 11-12; Graphic Arts  
Production 10-12



*Danielle Ross*  
Aide 12; FEA 11-12; Football  
Trainer 10-12; Gymnastics  
9-10; MPAC 11-12; Pirate  
Council 12; SADD 10-12;  
SADD Officer 11-12; Track  
Captain 11



*Michael A. Rivera*  
Aide 12; Band 9-12; FEA  
12; FEA Officer 12; FCCLA  
11-12; FCCLA District Officer  
12; FCCLA Officer 12; Jazz  
Impressions 11; PNN 10-12;  
Senior Video Editor 12;



*Priscilla Roberts*



*Thivana Rovi*  
Aide 11; Diving 9-10; Diving  
Captain 10; Homecoming  
Football Court 12; Key Club  
12; Peer Helper 11; Show  
Choir 9-10; STAND 9, 12, St.  
Gov. 12



*Quinn Roberts*  
FEA 12, FEA Officer 12,  
Orchestra 9-11; Track  
9-12; Track Captain 12;  
Wrestling 9-11





Patricia Robinson



Diana Robledo



Jonathan Rodenas  
CAD 10-12



Jasmine L. Rodriguez  
Basketball 10, Basketball  
Manager 9, Teacher Aide 12



Angela Nicole Romas  
French Club 10, Key Club  
10, Key Club Officer 11-12



Jarrett Rucker  
Football 9-12, Track 11-12;  
Weightlifting Competition  
11



Nicole Rudolph  
German Club 12, Office  
Aide 11-12; Softball  
Manager 9-10; Teacher  
Aide 12



Alicia Rude



Brittni Denae Rund  
Class Government 12;  
Environmental Club 12;  
Fashion Show Committee  
12; Football Manager 9-10;  
Prom Committee 12;  
Softball 9-10



Eugene Russell  
Track 9-12



Lisa Saberniak  
Guidance Aide 12; Softball  
9-11; Volleyball 9-12;  
Volleyball Captain 12



Vanessa Satural  
Concert Choir 10-12;  
Football Manager 9-10, 12;  
Soccer 11; Varsity Choir 9



Jake L. Sato  
Weightlifting Competition  
12; Wrestling 10-12;  
Wrestling Captain 12



Anne Sanchez



Kaitlyn Sanchelini  
Concert Choir 9; SOSA  
9-12; Drama Club 9-11;  
Drama Club Officer 11; Fall  
Play 9; PNN 12; Spring  
Play 9-10; Thespians 9-12;  
Thespians Officer 11



Phillissa Sanders



Jason Sartin  
Band 9; Building Trades  
11-12; Drumline 9;  
German Club 9; Teacher  
Aide 12



Michelle Scharf  
Key Club 12; Spanish  
Club 12



Kiersten Lynn Shanon  
Band 9-11; MPAG 11-12;  
Prom Court 11; Soccer  
10-12; Soccer Captain  
11-12; Swimming 9-12;  
Swimming Captain 10



Kyle Shockey  
Band 9-12; Bowling Team  
9-12; SOSA 10-12; SOSA  
Officer 12; FEA 11-12; FEA  
Officer 11; NHS 11-12;  
Planetarium 10



Jean Sivar



Jason Smiley  
Football 9



David Smith  
CAD 10-12



Chris Smith



*Kevin Smith*



*Kenneth Smith*  
An Club 9-10; Choral Teens 11-12; Concert Choir 9-10; Peer Helper 9; Peer Mediator 9; Show Choir 11-12; Vocal Teens 11-12; Wrestling 9



*Kiana Smith*  
Key Club 10; STAND 10; Teacher Aide 11



*Ben Smithers*  
Cross Country 11; Track 11-12; Wrestling 9-12



*Leasha Smithers*



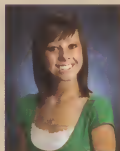
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Teacher Aide 12; Track 10-12; Track Captain 12



*Kevin Sokolowski*  
Building Trades 11



*Taylor Spikes*  
FEA 12; STAND 12; Teens for Christ 11-12



*Julie Ann Stetzer*  
NHS 11-12; Newspaper 11; Newspaper Editor in Chief and Feature Editor 11; Pirate Council 11-12; Revue 10; Quill and Scroll 11-12; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Editor in Chief 12



*Caroline Therese Stephens*  
Aide 11-12; Band 9; FEA 12; Key Club 9-12; Key Club Officer 10-11



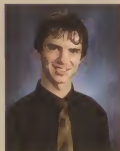
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*Lisa Sternberg*  
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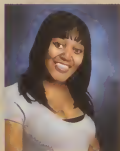
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Band 9-12; Football 9, 11-12; Track 11-12



*Cody Stewart*  
Bowling Team 9-11; Choral Teens 10-12; Concert Choir 9; Drama Club 9-12; Fall Play 9-12; GOLF 9; Peer Mediator 9-12; Revue 9-12; Show Choir 11-12; Spring Play 10-12; Tennis 9-10; Theplans 9-12; Vocal Teens 11-12



*Phillip Markham Stewart*  
CAD 12; St Gov 9-10; Golf 9-10; St Gov 9-10; Tennis 9-10; Wrestling 9-10



*Keriin Stewart*



*Daniel Stevens*



*Frank Strickland*  
Building Trades 11-12; Cross Country 11-12; Football 9; Track 11-12



*Benjamin J. Tappan*  
Band 9-12; Cross Country 11; Drum Major 10, 12; FCCLA 11-12; FCCLA Officer 12; Jazz Impressions 11; NHS 11-12; NHS President 12; PNN 11-12; Teens for Christ 9-12; Track 10



*Crystal Tate*  
Aide 12



*Susan Taylor*  
HERO 12



*Shickinah Taylor*  
Bowling Team 11-12; Show Choir 11-12; STAND 9-10, 12; STAND Award for Most Community Service Hours



*Cheri Tavarozza*  
French Club 11-12



*Kimmia Thomas*  
Aide 11-12; Basketball 9-12; Newspaper 12; Student Trainer 9-12



Ashley Tompkins  
Diving 11; French Club 9;  
Swimming 11



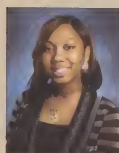
Nieshia Toney  
Color Guard 12; Drill Team  
11-12



Chae Torres  
Aide 10-11; Tennis 9-10  
12



Ennisia Tompkins  
Orchestra Advanced 10-  
12; Orchestra Intermediate  
9; Teacher Aide 12;  
Yearbook 12; Yearbook  
Photo Editor 12



Doreen Upshaw  
Concert Choir 9-11;  
Teacher Aide 12



Brianna Christie Ussery  
Bell Choir 10; Concert Choir  
9-10; Cross Country 9-11;  
Cross Country Captain 9; FEA  
11; Homecoming Court BB 12;  
Homecoming Queen BB 12;  
Homecoming Princess BB 10;  
NHS 9-12; Peer Mediator 9-12;  
PNN 12; Revue 9-10, 12; Teens  
for Christ 12; Track 9-12



Nick Veleas  
Soccer 9-10, 12



Christina Volant



Raphael Vargas



Mia Vasquez  
Track 9-11



Katherine Vachek  
Cheerleading 9-10; Office  
Aide 12; Teacher Aide 12



Amanda Velasquez  
Drama Club 11-12;  
Fall Play 11; FEA 12;  
Newspaper 11-12; Science  
Olympiad 11; STAND 9-12;  
Thespians 11-12



Vanessa Lynn Vondra  
Teacher Aide 12; Wrestling  
Manager 9-12



Chara Vinnantes



Christopher Walters



Keane Wawetich



Aleasha F. Walker  
CAD 11-12



Brandon Walker  
Ice Hockey 11-12



Heather Walker  
Concert Choir 10-12;  
Varsity Choir 9



Kevin Walton



Christine Watson



Robert Ward



Hannah Watkins  
Aide 11; Concert Choir  
9-10; Gymnastics 9-12;  
Homecoming Court  
Basketball 10; SADD Officer  
10-12; Track 11





Patricia Webb



Kayla Weeks



Jennifer Weeger  
Academic Super Bowl 10-12; Band 9-12; Key Club 9-11; Key Club Officer 10-11; NHS 12; NHS Officer 12; Spell Bowl Team 11-12



Gary Weiss  
Bowling 10-12; German Club 12



Courtney Weldon  
Academic Letter, NHS 11-12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer Helper 11; STAND 9-12; STAND Officer 11-12; Track Manager 10-12



Jeremy West  
JROTC Armed Drill Team 11; JROTC Color Guard 10-11



Joseph White  
Basketball 9-12; Basketball Captain 12; Revue 12; STAND 12



Justin Lewis White  
Band 9-12; STAND 9-12



Shivanee Wiley  
Choral Teens 11; Dance Team 10-12; Revue 11; Soccer 11; Teacher Aide 12; Varsity Choir 9; Velveteens 10



Brittany Williams  
Band 9-11; Football Manager 11-12; STAND 10-12; Stand Officer 11; Student Government 12



Josh Williams  
Band 9-12; Cross Country 11; Jazz Impressions 10



Zandi Williams  
Band 9-11; Basketball Manager 11-12; Football Manager 11-12; Peer Helper 12; PNN 11-12; Softball 9-11; Softball Manager 9; STAND 9-12; Teacher Aide 11; Volleyball 9-10



Kiara Willis  
Aide 11-12; Dance Team 9-10, 12; Fall Play 10; Revue 11-12; STAND 9; Teacher Aide 11-12; Varsity Choir 9; Velveteens 10; Yearbook 11-12



Kaitie Wilson  
FCCLA 10; FCCLA Leadership Award 10; FCCLA Officer 10; German Club 12; Show Choir 9; Varsity Choir 9



Max Wilson  
Football 9; PNN 11-12; STAND 10-12



Nerica Winbush  
Office Aide 12; STAND 9-12



Eric Wright  
Building Trades 11-12



Ianza Nichole Wright  
Band 9-12; NHS 12; Track 11-12



Robert Wright  
Football 9-12; NHS 12; Peer Mediator 9-10; STAND 9-12; Student Government 10-12; Teacher Aide 12; Weightlifting Competition 10-11



Sarah Kathleen Yacko  
Marine Biology 11; NHS 11-12; NHS Officer 12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer Helper 11; Swimming 9-10; Swimming Captain 10-12; Swimming MVP 10; Swimming State Qualifier and Finalist 10-11; Swimming 400 Freestyle Relay Record Holder 2006



Tionchon Young



Wesley M. Young  
Band 9-12; CAD 10-12; STAND 11-12; Track 12



Eric Zaremba  
Baseball 10-12





# Senior Choice Awards



Most Likely To Succeed



Most Likely To Stay Friends



Most Likely To Stay Friends



Best Dressed



Class Clown



Best Dancer



Cutest Couple



Most Likely To Be Famous



Best Car



Nicest Smile



Most Talkative



Nicest Eyes





Most Likely To Touch At MHS



Most Musical



Most Athletic



Most Actively Involved



Best Actor/Actress



Most Intelligent



Best Hair



Most Popular



Best Personality:



### Best Body



Most Spirited







Three of the Student Government officers, David Powell, Bianca Bonser and Ashley Marchant, smile while their fellow classmate takes a picture of them for Student Government sponsor Mr. Nick Petralia to hang in his classes as



Watching to the senior video, Senior Bettyne Cruise laughs. "It was quite loud and everyone," Cruise said. "Though the seniors paid the video, Cruise wishes the screen was larger so everyone could see



his eating piece with a side of apples in Seneca's classroom. Powell and Andre Jackson reminisced about the year passing and the food served. "The best part of this day was me taking pictures with friends," Powell said. Jackson said his favorite part of his senior year was that he was "finally finished."



After the senior banquet, Powell and Jackson were seen in a car. Powell said his favorite part of his senior year was that he was "finally finished."



Students posing on top of a car during the senior banquet. Students posing on top of a car during the senior banquet. Students posing on top of a car during the senior banquet.



Senior Powell and Andre Jackson posing on top of a car during the senior banquet. Senior Powell and Andre Jackson posing on top of a car during the senior banquet.

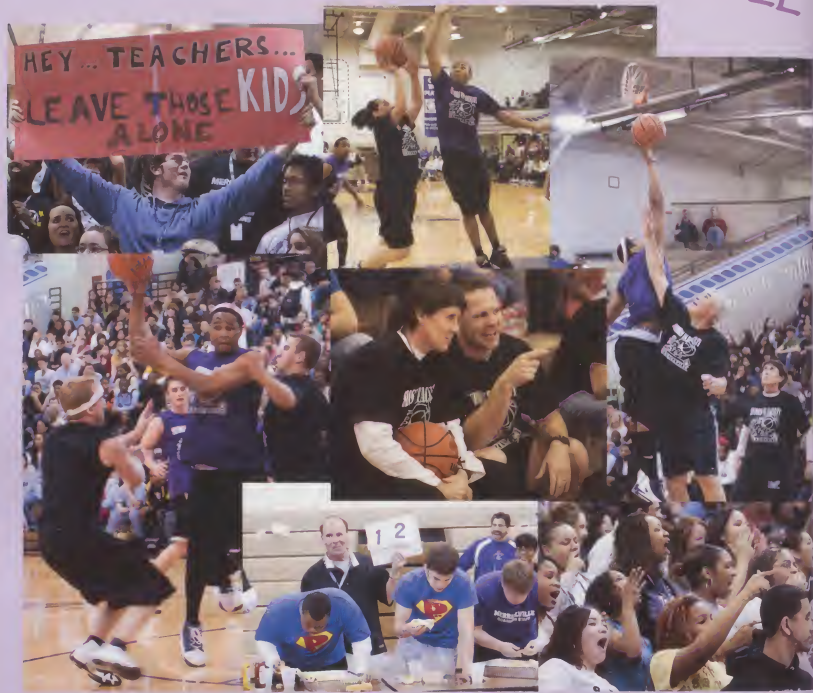


Students posing on top of a car during the senior banquet. Students posing on top of a car during the senior banquet.



clockwise from top left: Showing support for his classmates on the court Junior Eric Heidbreder holds up a sign he and his friends made. Backboard Ms. Carolina Preter's shot is Senior Anthony Hillman. As Senior Robert Dyson jumps to make a basket, Dr. Tony Lu's reaches to knock the ball down. To show excitement for the game Senior Linnise Dixon celebrates by screaming with friends. Having only a matter of minutes for the hot dog eating contest, Senior Ben Smithers races to win against Freshman Robert Dyson and Mr. Brad Daniel. Referees Mr. Lori Dost and Mr. Zac Wells sit on the sideline to discuss the play made by the seniors. With Mr. Ben David and Mr. Derek Thompson by his side, Senior Robert Dyson tries to make another shot.

# SENIOR BASKETBALL GAME



The Senior vs. Faculty Basketball Game began innocently enough with the singing of the National Anthem by three choir students. Soon after the classes and faculty were ready to get down to business. Students cheered as Mr. Andrew Niksich announced each class. Everyone cheered as the senior line-up was announced, and all booed when the teachers' line-up hit the court.

Many students in the crowd held up signs of support for the Senior Class and humorously poked fun at the faculty. The seniors banded together, putting newspapers in front of their faces when the teachers were announced in an effort to appear nonchalant and uncaring.

The game got off to a good start and the first half ended with a close score. "Mr. Luke Starkey really helped lead the team. He had an outstanding performance, but it was hard to see from the bench," Ms. Grace DeWald said.

During half-time, the classes competed in a hot dog eating contest. As the crowd watched in awe, Senior Ben Smithers quickly swallowed 14 hotdogs in the time allotted, and quickly vomited in a nearby garbage can.

"I wish Mr. (clared) Pierson was in the game because he reminds me of one of the Monsters from 'Space Jam,'" Senior Eric Heidbreder said. By the middle of the second half, the faculty pushed ahead and beat the seniors, 24-21.



# S FACUTLY DECATHLON



Clockwise, from top left: "Going into the event, I was thinking just have fun and don't get beat too badly," said Mr. Derek Thompson. With a final score of 4-1 Senior George Noels won the Sumo Wrestling event against Mr. Thompson. "If I could change anything that I did, I would not let him score a point on me," Noels said. With the students leading in the top of the second inning, Mr. Ben Daniel steps up to the plate. "I was MVP of that game with five RBs and two homers," Mr. Daniel said. The teachers beat the seniors, 8-3. As Senior Michelle Kistler makes her way to second base, Miss Carolina Procter focuses on making the catch for another out. Steve Lohse runs to first base after he kicks the ball toward Ms. Carolina Procter in right field. "I knew Ms. Procter was not going to catch the ball. This is kickball, not softball," Lohse said.

Referee Senior Ronald Williams awards the win to Senior Megan Loick over Ms. Carolina Procter.



# Baccalaureate



During the sermon "What do fathers say about" Senior Benjamin Tappan successfully raises eyebrows as he speaks his speech during Baccalaureate. Baccalaureate is an annual gathering for students the week of graduation. All seniors are invited to Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Merrillville to participate in the service.



As members of the Orchestra, Seniors Candace Pearson, Emmalee Troupas and Kimberly Nason accompanied other senior orchestra players during Baccalaureate.



Smiling and clapping during a song, Senior Jacqueline Jefferson sits next to Seniors Brianna Vesery and Benjamin Tapper during Baccalaureate at Our Lady of Consolation church in Merrillville.



Exiting the pews and filing out of the church, Senior Carter Adams shows his pride with fellow classmates after Baccalaureate.



## 2008 Valedictorians



An empty row of seats marks the place in the alphabet where graduates seniors stand backstage to wait for their names to be called so that they may walk across stage and receive their diploma cover slip. Graduates in front of this row have already received their diploma covers and must sit in suspended disbelief for the rest of the names to be called. Graduates behind this row sit in anticipation for their row to be dismissed.



Inspired by historical figures, such as Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Bob Dylan, Mr. Nicholas Petralia, this year's elected keynote speaker relays the message to "choose love, not hate," to the Class of 2008. This is, however not before he uses his signature sense of humor to reminisce about memories of students, teachers and classroom moments.

# Commencement



Devoting their full attention to the speakers on stage, students sit and take in the full impact of the messages that the speakers are trying to give to their fellow classmates.



Before the speeches begin, Senior Kristen Hoyles plays the National Anthem on her violin. Prior to Hoyles' solo, Principal Michael Krutz announced the JROTC and their presentation of colors. The audience stood as JROTC members carried the American and Indiana flags into the auditorium.



Waiting for Commencement to begin, Senior Rodney Ballard jokes quietly with fellow graduate Senior Mark Bobowsky. Seniors were fidgety with anticipation during the speeches before filing backstage to walk across stage and receive their diploma covers.



Knowing his row will be called to stage within minutes, Senior Martin Azar prepares himself for the big moment.



As Senior Shaunticeyah Gates listens to Mr. Michael Krutz's last words to the Senior Class, she waits to turn her tassel. The turning of the tassel from the right side of the graduation cap to the left signals the graduation of the Senior Class and the end of Commencement.



Crazing upward at the balloons falling from the rafters of the Star Plaza Theatre, graduates of Merrillville High School's Class of 2008 are congratulated by a standing ovation from family and friends.

# Danielle Metlovski

*Our Princess Danielle,*

*Eighteen years ago God blessed our lives with a beautiful baby girl. Now, you are graduating high school. We can't believe how the years have flown by so fast. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Hard work, self-discipline and your eye on your goals have gotten you to this point. May your future be filled with love, happiness and success. Good luck at Valparaiso University.*

*Congratulations!*

*We love you so very much.*

*Mom, Dad, and brother Donnie*



You've come a long way Baby Girl



And we are all proud of every step you've taken.

Keep up the good work.

Love, Dad and Your Family

*You have grown into a beautiful young lady.*

*We're proud of you!!!*

*Remember — all good things are possible  
through Christ. Good Luck.*

*Mom, Tony, Adrienne & Anthony*



*My! How we've changed.*



*Glad to be part of your growing up.*



**NICOLE  
Rudolph**

It is hard to believe 18 years have passed. You have grown into a terrific young lady. We are so very proud of you and all you have accomplished over the years. Best of luck to you at Ball State as you pursue your dreams in photojournalism. Remember to always be true to yourself, never give up and keep reaching for the stars!

Love, Dad, Mom & Rachael



**Jessica  
Myren**

My Jess,  
Life is a dance from one stage to the next!  
Continue to make us proud and tomorrow's success begins today!  
Go IU!  
We love you,  
Mom and Dad

**Addison  
BURKE**

Congratulations on your high school graduation, Addie!  
You did it!  
May all your dreams come true.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad & Austin



**Seniors In The Merrillville High School Orchestra — Photos by Tom Digrispino**



Zachary Banks



Cassandra  
Garcia-Brignoni



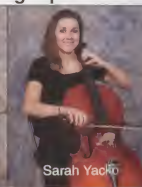
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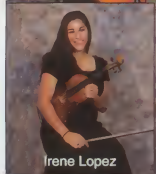
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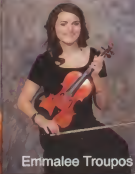
Irene Lopez



Megan Gunn



Wyatt Perkins



Emmalee Troupes



Courtney Weldon



Jeremy Coto



Joshua Crayne



Shelley Lohr



Kimberly Nason



Pedro Lara



Jacob Kapitan



Trevor Brown



Samone,  
 Congratulations on all of your achievements.  
 May all your goals and dreams  
 come true!  
 Love, Mom, Dad & Sean



**Samone Klnsey**



## Nicholas DIEHL

You are a son that every parent would  
 be proud to have. We are so happy  
 with the decisions you have made,  
 and know that you have the founda-  
 tion you need to do whatever you  
 want in life. We are very happy with  
 you, and for you, and wish you the  
 very best as you take the next step  
 of life's journey at IU.  
 Love, Mom, Dad, Kathryn & Baba



## Andrew Kepchar

*Good Luck  
 in the Future*





Congratulations Katie & Karen  
We're proud  
of both of you.  
Good Luck in The Future.  
Love, Dad, Mom & Tim



**Katie & Karen Balko**



# BRIAN CASADY

We are so proud  
of the fine young man that  
you have become.  
Good luck at Ball State!

Have fun,  
but study hard  
and you will achieve  
greatness.

Love,  
Mom & Heather Lynn

# Trevor N. Brown

Trevor,  
Seems like just yesterday  
you were my baby. But  
look at what a fabulous  
young man you have  
grown into! We love you  
and are so proud of you,  
your accomplishments and  
the kind, wonderful, loving  
person you have become.  
Stay focused and continue  
to just be yourself and you  
will go far!  
Love you!  
Mom, Dad, Auntie Debra,  
Melissa



# J.T. GRAUN

## Our Son, Our Mijo

You have blessed our lives  
withso much joy  
and we are so proud of you!  
All Our Love,  
Mom & Dad



# Danielle Elizabeth Detterline

Congratulations,  
Danielle,  
on your high school  
graduation.  
We are  
VERY proud of you,  
Missy.  
Believe in yourself  
as we believe in you  
and ALWAYS remember  
we will be there for you.  
Your future  
is as special  
as you are.  
We love you.  
Mom, Dad and Ken



# CONGRATULATIONS JALYSA DELYN KING

May your live be filled with much joy and happiness.  
Continue to always believe in yourself.  
Remember to put God first in all that you do.  
We are so very proud of you!!!

Love Always,  
Mom, Dad and Brandon



# JENNIFER WEGER

Congratulations to our precious daughter.

You have always made us proud.

We wish you all the happiness and success in your future.

We love you,

Mom, Dad & Jeff



# Desireé M. Bolden



Desireé,

You have accomplished so much this year. You have proven to your father and me that you are ready to open that door to your future.

We pray that God will look after you and forever bless you. Your future is as special as you are.

With all our love,  
Dad, Mom & Sis

# Shannell Elizabeth Parks



To our baby girl —  
We are proud of you.  
Delight yourself in the  
Lord and He will give you  
the desires of your heart.  
Love, Mom & Dad

# BRYAN CYGAN



It all just seems like yesterday!  
Where did all the time go?

We are so very proud of you  
and we support you in anything that you do.

You will always be our baby boy!

We love you! Congratulations!

Love - Mom, DA & Katie



# Debble Harstad



These years have just flown by  
From Merri-Tots to M'ville High

From Soccer to Choir  
and



So much more  
We are so proud of you  
Good luck and  
God Bless at VU  
Love,



Mom, Grandpa,  
Colleen,  
Kalynn and Patrick

# Rachelle Bielak



My little angel,  
Seems like only yesterday,  
I was holding you in my arms.



Now you have grown  
into a beautiful young lady.  
I am so proud of you.  
Follow your dreams.  
I love you. Mom



# Desirée Marie Upshaw



My baby girl,

I am so very proud of you and the young lady you've become. Continue to allow God to lead your life and you'll be fine in whatever life deals you.

Love Ya, Mommy





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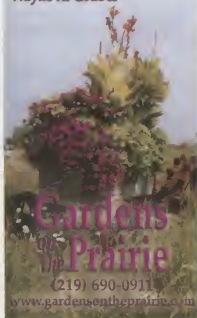
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Gymnastics  
Coach Diane Roberts  
Front row: Chandler Hill, Tiffany Leicht, Valerie Bly; Second row: Manager Daniela Rios, Heather Brown, Rebekah Rochefort, Diona Milenkovski, Hannah Watkins, Danielle Bly, Emily Kurczynski; Back row: Coach Diane Roberts, Taryn Wood, Theresa Yugo, Anen Taylor, Courtney Deming, Samone Kinsey, Assistant Coach Nick Roberts.




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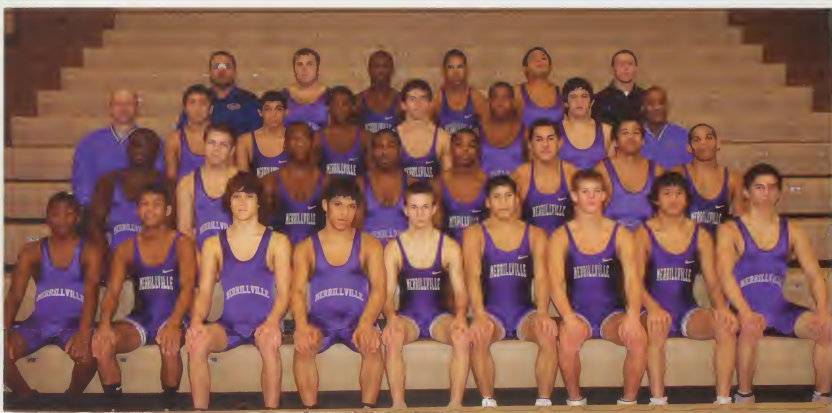
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 Front row: Patricia Millard, Stephanie Husek, Cynthia Garcia, Rebekkah Kimani, Kalliope Haramantas, Kaitlyn Sweeney; Second row: Jason Strimbu, Tanya Riveron, Mia Mayfield, Kuis Gutierrez, Augusta Carney, Lyssia Barrera, Zakkiyah Karim, Heather Kiel, Corina Vazquez; Third row: Kalle Domikaitis, Brandon Shea, Jericca Jasso, Angela Reynolds, Sydney Harold, Luis Lagunas, Nichole McFarland; Fourth row: Alex Perez, Jose Rodriguez, Luke Miller, Scott Gedda, Wyatt Perkins; Back row: Jeremy Coto, Courtney Jones, Parker Douglas; Not Pictured: Mariah Dennis, Paul Crowley, Elliott Parker.



Advanced Orchestra

Director: John Bradford

Front row: Sarah Martin, Cassandra Garcia, Harlene Haro, Megan Gunn, Nicole Tarulis; Second row: Sarah Yacko, Megan Harms, Michele Myers, Shelley Lohr, Aubrey Coulier, Sabrina Smith, Cardace Pearson, Irene Lopez, Brittini Jackson; Third row: Mrs. Diane Kowalski, Rachel Drapeau, Claudia Ponce, Trevor Brown, Pedro Lara, Le'Tia Hill, Kristen Hoyle, Mr. John Bradford; Fourth row: Stephen Carniello, Courtney Weldon, Michelle Ross, Paige Wilson, Cara Brender, Evelyn Kirk, Kimberly Nason, Chantal DeJesus, Rupert Rutherford, Back row: Josh Crayne, Caitlyn Spies, Cody Niles, Nick Wolak, Jacob Kapitani, Emmalee Troupes; Not Pictured: David Ortiz, Jon Curry.

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 Director Mark Danielson  
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 Director Mark Danielson  
 Front row: Gloria Graham, Ashley Jamerson, Meredith Dobes, Kaitlyn Phillips, Kallie Domikaiteis;  
 Second row: Vince Marquez, Kevin Caruana, Jacob Caddick, Matthew Nathan, Kyle Shockey; Back row: Malcolm Graham, Charles Mihail, Cecil Frink, Juan Rivera, Mr. Mark Danielson; Not Pictured: Jackie Nason, Zack Swierc, Zack Graham, Sarah Dora.



**Intermediate Band**  
 Director Mark Danielson  
 Front row: Courtney Pitts, Cha'ya Eddie, Amber Medwtz, Jackie Pena, Jasmine Woods, Jaylah Robinson, Charne Knight; Second row: Ryan Roddy, Edwin Smith, Vince Marquez, Jasmine Youngblood, Jill Larson, Michelle Ambrose, Mayra Salinas, Robert Balash; Third row: Denzell Riley, Row McMillan, Malcolm Graham, Tristin Russell, Armon Garner-Poston, Jerimy Zeilenga, Dwayne Wright; Fourth row: Christopher Taylor, Parry Papamihalakis, Jacob Williams, Phillip Mayweather, Tavon Cunningham, Charles Mihail; Back row: Sponsor Mark Danielson, Joshua Williams, Justin White, Keenen Stevenson, Nathaniel Collins; Not Pictured: Armando Miller, Crystal Valant.



**Advanced Band**  
 Director Mark Danielson  
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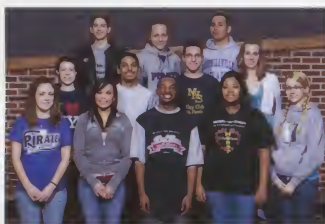
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## From the Editor

When I took on the position of Editor in Chief, I knew I was in for a year of hard work and stressful times, but I can honestly admit that this year, during the production of this yearbook, I experienced days that made me legitimately want to rip every hair from my head. To Mrs. Procter, after four years of guiding me and helping me, I would like to wholeheartedly thank you for the opportunity to mold this yearbook from my dreams and visions. Without your help, obviously, none of what is in this book would have been possible. Words cannot possibly describe how grateful I am that you have been here to help every step of the way. I cannot fathom how this year might have ended. I would probably have no hair left.

To those significant staff members who stepped up to the plate and worked through everything, even the strike outs, you are all my lifelines. From random third hour trips to Panera Bread after a photo shoot, to those fantastic deadline days when (I'm sorry, by the way) I had to crack the whip in order to get everyone motivated, you are the meat and potatoes of this yearbook. Thanks to those of you who stuck with it all year long and never gave up.

I wish the 2008 staff members best of luck next year. Making this book is not easy and in sympathy of your new Editor-in-Chief, please keep up your enthusiasm!

After all of the good times and bad times, all of the happy times and sad times, all of the times someone unexpectedly jumped ship, leaving us stranded in the middle of the ocean, we kept our heads above the water and continued groping for dry land. This is the end of yet another year, yet another graduating class, yet another book of memories. I will forever carry my Editor-in-Chief perceptive in my back pocket, looking back and growing from all that I have learned and experienced while compiling memories and forever writing our history on these pages as the Class of 2008.

With love,

Julie Ann Stelzer  
2008 Editor-in-Chief



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Under the guidance of Mrs. Teresa Procter and led by Editor Julie Stelzer, the third-hour yearbook class developed this book with the theme of "Picture Perfect." It was our intention to create something that was not just a yearbook but rather a photo album of the times spent with friends, teachers and others.

The creation of this book was assisted by Mrs. Valerie T. Tanke, a sales representative for Walsworth Publishing Company. The staff would like to extend their thanks to Mrs. Tanke for her help throughout the yearbook production.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 5.5 million to 7.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of older people's health and care. The strategy is based on the following principles: older people should be able to live independently, safely and comfortably; older people should be able to participate in the community; and older people should be able to access the services they need.

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The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people are able to live independently and actively for as long as possible; (2) to ensure that older people are able to access the services and support that they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are able to participate in the life of their communities.

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